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Preparing for Mexico summit

Foreign ministers begin negotiations

VIENNA, March 13 (AP) — Foreign ministers and top diplomats of 11 countries opened negotiations Friday to prepare a summit conference between industrial and developing nations later this year. Among items on the agenda was the list of countries that would participate in the summit, scheduled to be held this June in Mexico City.

Conference sources said 21 countries from four continents had expressed interest in attending the summit meeting. The eight industrial countries interested in attending the Mexico meeting were also reported to want that it be held at a later date, after their own June meeting in Ottawa.

"I don't believe the unified opinion of the industrialized nations has been expressed, but it is my understanding they would prefer a date after Ottawa," said Hans Blix, state secretary of the Swedish ministry of foreign affairs.

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky met participants of the Vienna meeting at their opening session in the city's Hofburg palace.

Kreisky and Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castenada were key figures in organizing an earlier preparatory meeting of the group in Vienna last November. Castenada has indicated that between 21 and 25 countries would be invited to the June meeting. It was uncertain if the Soviet Union or China would be among them.

Go-slow hits airports in London, Scotland

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — Passengers at London's Heathrow airport and five airports in Scotland faced delays of up to six hours Friday as civil servants escalated a nationwide campaign of disruption in a pay dispute with the government. About 1,000 customs and immigration staff at Heathrow, Britain's main airport, and Scottish airports at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Prestwick, Aberdeen and Sumburgh began operating a go-slow.

The Council of Civil Service Unions, which groups nine unions representing Britain's 530,000 civil servants, promised "massive disruption" at the airports. Customs and immigration staff deliberately have been reduced to skeleton levels to build up queues.

The go-slow at the airports is the latest move in a war of wildcat strikes, go-slows and other disruption being waged by civil servants throughout the country. It began Monday with a one-day national strike in which 75 per cent of the 530,000 civil servants stayed out of work and has begun to delay collection of hefty new taxes introduced in the Conservative government's austerity budget Tuesday.

U.S. Jews protest Israel oppression

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — About 5,000 orthodox Jews forced the closing of part of a busy mid-Manhattan street near the Israeli consulate here in a demonstration against what they say is growing oppression of religious Jews by the government in Israel.

The participants, in traditional black hats and coats, Thursday prayed and chanted anti-Israeli slogans in Yiddish as they protested the "program-like storming" of a Jerusalem synagogue on March 7.

Several dozen men were chained to each other and wore black and white striped outfits to represent 42 Jews they said were arrested when Israeli police entered the orthodox Toldos s'Haran Synagogue in Israel.

The demonstrators — carrying signs that said "Stop massacre in Jerusalem" and "Don't desecrate our synagogues" — charged that Israeli police "for no apparent reason" hurled gas bombs into the congregation, desecrated religious artifacts, injured dozens of Jews and arrested the 42 persons.

Shmuel Moyal, the Israel consul in New York, said a melee resulted when police were provoked by persons on the synagogue roof. Moyal said 22 persons were arrested. Thirteen were freed on bail Thursday and the remainder would be freed Friday. He said 10 policemen were the only ones injured.

The gathering coincided with demonstrations at Israeli missions in Montreal, London, Sydney, Jerusalem and Antwerp, according to Rabbi Hertz Frankel of the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada.

"We are now faced with a calamity which threatens the very existence of our people, the likes of which has never been known," said Rabbi Jacob Weberman of the organization told the crowd. "The scourge of Jewish nationalism, otherwise known as Zionism, threatens to deprive us both of our physical and spiritual being."

There was some question about whether the group had a legal permit to demonstrate.

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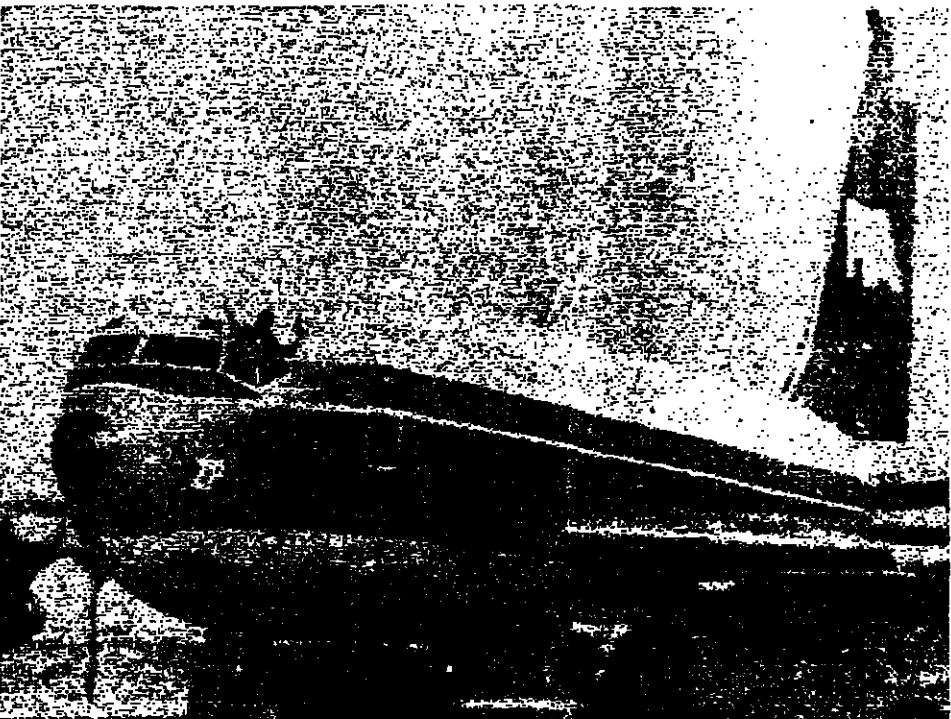
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BRANDISHING GUN: One of the hijackers of Pakistan International Boeing 720-B brandishing a gun as a signal of victory from the cockpit of the plane at Damascus airport, after learning that the Pakistani government had agreed to free 55 prisoners in order to secure the release of more than 100 passengers.

For Afghanistan

Pakistan won't allow transit of U.S. arms

ISLAMABAD, March 13 (Agencies) — Pakistan has said that it would not allow its territory to be used to ship U.S. arms to Afghan fighters engaged in ousting the Soviet-installed regime in Kabul.

A spokesman for the Pakistani foreign ministry, responding to recent comments by U.S. President Ronald Reagan, said that Pakistan was trying to secure a peaceful settlement to the Afghan crisis.

"Pakistan does not intend to become involved in an armed conflict at a time when it is trying, through representative international organizations, to secure the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan," the spokesman added. It was also calling for "a return to a climate of peace in Afghanistan, the chance for the Afghan people to choose their own government and the creation of conditions favoring the return of Afghan refugees to their own country," he said.

Different fighter groups within the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan are meanwhile divided on the question of Western military aid. Sayed Ahmad Gailani, leader of the National Islamic Front, who favors the return to power of exiled King Zahir Shah, has on a number of occasions asked for Western military aid.

Gailani visited the United States shortly before Reagan indicated that he was not opposed to U.S. arms supplies going to the Afghan fighters. But Prof. Abdul Rassul Swayaf, president of the alliance, has said that the fighters have never sought such aid. Prof. Swayaf, has described Gailani as unrepresentative.

Meanwhile, the state-run radio of Afghanistan, monitored in New Delhi said Thursday that Afghanistan's Soviet-backed Babrak Karmal regime has accused Reagan of trying to topple the Kabul government by offering American weapons to Afghan fighter groups.

"This open hostility of the U.S. government is directed against the Saur (April 1978) revolution" that brought to power Nur Muhammad Taraki, the first of Afghanistan's three Marxist presidents," the statement said.

Reagan, asked in an interview if he would consider aiding Afghan fighters replied: "Yes, with weapons." He called the volunteers "freedom fighters" and said they were "fighting for their own country and not wanting to become a satellite state of the Soviet Union which came in and established a government of its choosing there."

Describing the televised interview as being in consonance with the expressed views of U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, the Afghan government statement said American foreign policy "is geared to harm the interests of the progressive socialist state," the Pushhu-language broadcast, reported.

"The interferences of the United States in the Gulf, Kenya, Somalia, Angola are indicative of the aggressive designs of this country," the declaration said. "Based on this policy, the United States is bent on toppling the Afghan government." The statement accused Reagan of not making efforts to find a "political solution" to the Afghan crisis, triggered by the December, 1979 Soviet military intervention. There are an estimated 85,000 Russian troops currently in the landlocked mountainous country.

"Instead, ... They (Americans) are hotting up the armed conflict which may have serious consequences not in the interests of the United States," the declaration continued. "Whether the United States likes it or not, the Saur revolution would triumph," it added.

The official Soviet news organization, Tass, said Tuesday that in the interview Reagan admitted that his government "has unleashed an unlimited war" on the Karmal regime. "Ronald Reagan only reaffirmed in public what his predecessor Jimmy Carter preferred to keep silent about," Tass said, adding that Soviet military units would not be withdrawn from the central Asian nation without "reliable guarantees that there will be no more intervention."

In another development, Roman Kohapat, who leads the U.N. High Commission for Refugees said the number of Afghan refugees in Pakistan rose to close to 2 million in the past year and will require the original \$50 million aid budget for them to be nearly doubled, it was announced in Geneva Thursday.

Roman Kohapat said that there were 1,673,000 Afghan refugees officially registered with Pakistani authorities, to which had to be added an estimated 300,000 non-registered Afghans, plus 80,000 nomads commuting between the two countries.

Man hides wife's body for 15 years

PERTH, Scotland, March 13 (AP) — A man who killed his wife during an argument and then hid her mummified body for 15 years, has been given a "lenient" sentence of 15 months' imprisonment in Perth high court.

The judge told 39-year-old John Traynor Thursday that he was receiving a sentence of "comparative leniency" because of the burden of guilt he had carried for the past 16 years. Traynor, a carpet factory worker in the eastern Scottish town of Kirkcaldy, showed no emotion as sentence was pronounced at the end of a three-day trial.

The court heard that he hid the body of his pregnant 21-year-old wife, Jeannette, behind a bedroom wardrobe for more than five years, wrapped in a sheet. He told friends and relatives that his wife left him and had run away to London. He kept up her life insurance premiums and demanded an apology from his parents-in-law when they openly accused him of murdering their daughter.

Traynor described on the witness stand the heated argument that led to his wife's death in 1965. He had been out drinking and upon his return home, his wife told him that their unborn child was not his. He hit her, she struck her head on the hearth and died, he told the court.

"When I realized she was dead, I panicked," he said. "I wrapped her body in a sheet and hid it behind the wardrobe in the bedroom. It was there more than five years."

He later took her mummified remains with him when he moved to a house 100 yards down the road. It was there that his nephew discovered the body of Mrs. Traynor last year while cleaning out the cellar.

26 missing in Japan's boat mishap

SAPPORO, Japan, March 13 (AFP) — All 26 crew and the captain of the 34-ton Japanese fishing boat Daito-Maru were missing after it capsized in the Bering Sea in the North Pacific Friday, maritime safety authorities here said. Other Japanese fishing boats operating in the area were searching for survivors, the officials said.

Ghanaian Fokker-28 crashlands

ABIDJAN, March 13 (AFP) — A twin-engine Ghanaian Airways Fokker-28 crashed during a training flight at Accra international airport Wednesday, a Ghanaian radio said in a report monitored here Friday. The radio did not say whether there were any victims. It gave no details of the number of persons on board the plane.

Destination Libya

55 prisoners ready to go

ISLAMABAD, March 13 (Agencies) — Pakistani police Friday began assembling the 55 prisoners the country's government agreed to release in exchange for more than 100 persons held on a Pakistan Airlines plane in Damascus.

A government spokesman said the prisoners were being collected from jails around Pakistan and being taken to a central assembly point for flying out of the country. Informed sources said they would probably be taken to Karachi on special flights from the North West Frontier Province, central Punjab and southern Sindh province. Karachi is the main terminal for flights to the Middle East.

The spokesman denied foreign press reports that Pakistan had agreed to pay the hijackers \$50,000 as part of terms for releasing the hostages who have been held in the aircraft for 12 days at Kabul and Damascus.

"So far we have never received such a demand," he said.

The Pakistani offer Thursday was conditional on no further demands being made. The offer was made minutes before a deadline threat from the three armed hijackers to shoot first the three Americans on board and other passengers later. The Pakistani government said it would lapse automatically if any harm came to the hostages.

The spokesman said details for the simultaneous release of the hostages in Damascus and the prisoners in Pakistan were still being worked out and it was not clear when it would take place.

In Karachi, hospital staff were setting aside beds for the returning hostages as a standby in case they were unable to receive medical treatment in Syria, local officials said.

Pakistani diplomatic sources in Damascus said Pakistan is asking Libya to receive the 55 prisoners. They said the hijackers had also asked to fly to Libya once they had freed the passengers.

The sources said the Pakistani government had not so far received a reply from the Libyan government about whether it would be prepared to receive the hijackers.

A source said the hijackers also wanted their families flown out of Pakistan to Libya. "But some of them may not want to go," he added.

Asked by reporters if he believed the Libyan government was involved in the hijacking, the envoy replied: "There are certainly dark forces at work, but I am not sure."

The sources said the hijackers had suggested the prisoners be released in the Libyan capital. But talks were continuing Friday morning with the gunmen via the airport control tower radio.

They said the hostages would probably be set free by the hijackers at Damascus airport rather than being flown to Libya.

Airport sources said that a hospital had been prepared to receive the passengers and crew of the plane and a fleet of ambulances was standing nearby. The leader of the gunmen known as "Alamgir" (ruler of the world), was reported by the Syrian News Agency Sana to be the deputy commander of the Al-Zulfikar movement.

According to the Islamabod government, Al-Zulfikar is the armed wing of the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

For the first time, the hijackers allowed airport staff Friday to board the plane and clean up. Earlier, they had asked for breakfast and cartons of cigarettes, duly delivered.

According to informed sources here, the hijackers were satisfied with the Pakistani government's undertaking to release an initial group of prisoners.

Nearly 12 days incarcerated in a jet airliner does not appear to have dented the appetite of the hostages. Friday, they ordered 310 breakfasts, nearly treble the number of captives, estimated at 104 plus three hijackers, the airport official who delivers the meals reported, showing the order form as evidence.

"The menu of Syrian specialists, is the same every day, but they never leave anything, which is a good sign," he said. He said he delivered the meals to the lifting gangway at the rear of the plane and took away the empty trays. A Pakistani steward helped in the operation he said, while one of the three hijackers watched, with pistol at the ready.

"We exchange a few words in English just to know what they want," he added. The captives also received substantial quantities of mineral water, soft drinks, as well as cigarettes and paper handkerchiefs.

"They also ask for aspirin, but no other drugs for the moment. As for newspapers, we only have the Syrian press here and they said they could not read Arabic," he added. The plane's toilets were also pumped out every two hours, he added.

In Pakistan Friday, Bhutto's daughter, Benazir Bhutto, was transferred from Karachi's central jail to Sukkur jail, 480 kms away, for undisclosed reasons, her lawyer said. Miss Bhutto and her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, were arrested six days ago and lodged in Karachi jail.

Miss Bhutto's lawyer, Hafeez Lakho, said that in transferring her, the government was trying to create obstacles to meetings between himself and his client.

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In Eastern Province

Charity aid increased

DAMMAM, March 13 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Philanthropic Society's income during the fiscal year 1979-80 amounted to SR7,451,128, according to officials.

The society's total expenses for the same period in its various charity activities amounted to SR5.59 million, Mastour ibn Ali, the society's secretary general, said Friday. The figure represents a 25 per cent increase on expenses compared to the previous year.

The increase was attributed to the expanding services of the society and the growing number of beneficiaries. The increase in expenditure complies with the rising income from donations through regular subscription and grants which form the base for the society's projects and programs, Ali said.

The philanthropic society also received donations in the form of land plots, during the last fiscal year, worth about SR27.8 million, the secretary general said.

Among the society's long-term projects is a collective health complex now under construction. The project's construction works only will cost SR325 million, Ali said. The 35,000 square meter site was granted to the society by a donor.

Ali added that upon completion the complex will provide services to the handicapped, senior citizens and children. The health complex will extend physiotherapy treatment to the public through an out-patient clinic, he said.

The society's services last year covered 1,200 families with 8,413 members in various parts of the Eastern Province. The total amount granted to beneficiaries reached SR2.3 million, Ali said. The society has research teams that study the cases of applicants to decide their eligibility for assistance. There also are special research committees stationed in the Eastern Province in main cities' prisons, hospitals and cooperate with other similar societies for the same purpose.

The society extends its services to mosques and Quran memorization schools in the region. It provided a closed circuit broadcasting system, recorded Quran cassettes, a cultural and religious library in a program for tuberculosis patients at the Damman Chest Illness hospital.

Ali said the society's plan for the current fiscal year includes building new headquarters and a new kindergarten that will accommodate the 600 children members.



OFFENDERS: Recent offenders of bribery and forgery laws in the Kingdom were given fines, jail terms and deportation. The men include (from left to right): Saudi Arabians Najr Jahaz and Awad Hazaa; Yemenis Abdullah Murshid and Yahya Muhammad Qaed; and Eritrean Saleh Said Muhammad and Degin Tesema Tesfai.

Six found guilty of forgery, bribery

JEDDAH, March 13 — Two Saudi Arabians and four foreigners were found guilty of crimes that include bribery and forgery. The criminals were given sentences ranging from fines and imprisonment to deportation, *Al-Jazira* reported the Interior Ministry as saying.

Two Eritreans, Degin Tesema Tesfai and Saleh Said Muhammad, were arrested while trying to bribe a traffic policeman in

Jeddah after violating traffic rule. After investigation, they were found guilty and were sentenced to six months in jail and deportation.

Abdullah Abdu Muhammad Murshid and Yahya Muhammad Qaed, Yemenis were arrested after trying to bribe customs officers at border check points not to have their luggage

checked. The officers rejected the bribes. The offenders were found guilty by the court were sentenced to six months in jail.

In addition, two Saudi Arabians, Najr Jahaz Al-Utaibi and Awad Hazaa Al-Shamri, were found guilty of forging a car sale document and were sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of SR1,000 each.

Hospitals planned for E. Province

JEDDAH, March 13 — Four 500-bed hospitals are planned for the Eastern Province, officials announced Thursday. Eastern Province Health Director General Dr. Seiful Din Al-Shishkai said that tenders for building the hospitals will be released soon.

Dr. Shishkai told *Al-Madina* that the hospitals will be located in Damman, Hafir El Batin, Qatif and Nuatryya. He said a contract also was awarded to a national company for building 15 clinics and dispensaries in the Eastern Province.

Under the SR79 million contract, the clinics are to be completed within 18 months. The contractor has been handed the work sites and construction will begin shortly, Dr. Shishkai said. Each clinic will include six doctors and divisions for maternity and child care, emergency, social services, x-ray, laboratory pharmacy and housing for the workers.

BRIEFS

attended the seminar.

Dean's meeting scheduled

DHAHRAN, March 13 (SPA) — UPM Faculty of Engineering will organize a meeting of deans of faculties of engineering in member universities of the Arab Gulf Educational Bureau on Saturday and Sunday. The meeting will discuss the educational situation in the faculties of engineering of Gulf states in regard to teaching methods and specializations, Dr. Yusuf Al-Rasheed, dean of UPM faculty of engineering said Thursday.

Nazer goes to Jordan

RIYADH, March 13 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer left Riyadh Friday for Jordan on a two-day visit. Sheikh Nazer will hold talks with Jordanian officials on cooperation between the two countries on all fields, it was reported.

Jeddah airport inspected

JEDDAH, March 13 (SPA) — Deputy Mecca Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen visited King Abdul Aziz International Airport in Jeddah to inspect the final preparation on the new airports projects. Prince Saud's tour included the computer center, the microfilm hall, the library, the administrative information operating system, the southern terminal, the pilgrims' complex, the royal pavilion, the desalination plant and the nursery farm.

South Yemen message received

RIYADH, March 13 (SPA) — King Khaled received the South Yemeni deputy premier, Abdul Aziz Abdul Wali, at the royal camp outside Riyadh Thursday. Abdul Wali delivered a written message from President Ali Nasser Muhammad to the King. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. Abdul Wali had arrived in the Kingdom earlier during the day.

Solar energy seminar ends

KUWAIT, March 13 (SPA) — A seminar on developing solar energy means as an alternative for oil ended here Friday. The seminar issued several recommendations on the possibility of utilizing solar energy in Arab countries. The Kingdom's delegation head spoke at the seminar saying that Saudi Arabia has the largest device in the world for heating water by solar power. Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Qatar, Morocco, Lebanon, Bahrain, the UAE, Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia

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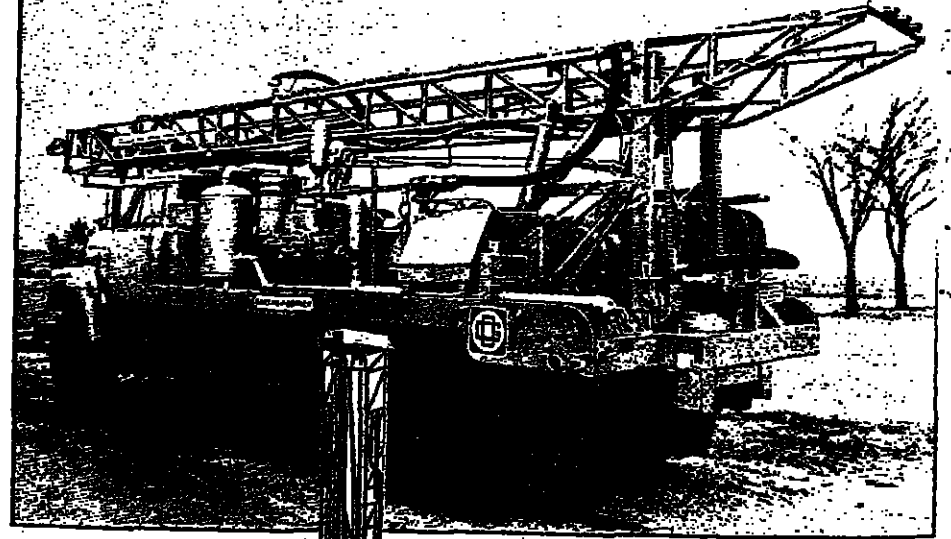
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Kingdom's policies enhance growth

Germany willing to transfer technology

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 13 — The President of the Federation of German Industries Dr. Rolf Rodenstock said his country is willing to transfer some of its industrial technology and take part fully in the Kingdom's industrialization programs.

Speaking at a press conference here Wednesday Rodenstock said such cooperation would be possible in view of the Kingdom's liberal economic policy, free enterprise and close relations with other countries which will enable its industries to flourish and compete favorably with those of others.

Rodenstock is leading a delegation of German industrialists to discuss commercial

projects for German companies with Saudi Arabian officials and businessmen.

The delegation consists of 24 businessmen who represent the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrien, a federation of 37 industrial associations.

Rodenstock said he agreed with the Saudi Arabian partners in existing joint ventures to export the Kingdom's surplus production because of the increased output and its high quality. He met with Juffali, Dr. Gharib Pharaon, Abdul Aziz Al Sulaiman, Muhammad Al Fraij and Bugshan in this connection and discussed the development of their industries and the possibility of setting up agro-industries.

Rodenstock expressed deep concern in

view of what he called the increasingly sharp Asian competition being faced by German companies in the country and this was one of the reasons why he came with the delegation, he said.

His talks with the officials of the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation dealt with increased cooperation and contribution to the projects and the training of Saudi Arabians to run them.

Rodenstock said he is pleased with the present state of cooperation between the two countries, which has resulted in 60 joint ventures in addition to large-scale partnership between the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation SABIC and the German steel industry.

Khobar Swiss week begins

Al Khobar Bureau

AL-KHOBAR, March 13 — Swiss Week opened Thursday night at the Alghosabi Hotel, Khobar. Dr. Manuel Jenni, commercial attaché of the Swiss Embassy, cut the ribbon to open exhibits promoting goods and services.

Chocolaters were represented by Toblerone, watchmakers and jewelers by Omega at Bajsair, Piaget and Gerard Lacout at Eve Jewellers, and bankers by Focao Bank. Swissair and the Swiss tourist authority had brochures on tourist attractions, hotels and schools in Switzerland.

A musical trio, the Kapelle Alpesteinblick, here on their third visit to the Kingdom, provide live music for Swiss week. Jacob Freund plays on the 125-stringed Hackbrett, Hans

Brulissauer on the accordion and Erwin Sager on the bass. The trio who have played together for 12 years, come from Teufen, a small town near the Austrian frontier. A woodcarver adds another touch of the Alpine mood.

Swiss food cooked by the chefs of the President Hotel, Geneva, is served throughout the week at daily buffet lunches and a la carte dinners.

The Swissair photographic competition drew 250 entries which are on display. Contest winners will be announced at a gala dinner, March 19. Under the sponsorship of Swissair and the Alghosabi Hotel, Swiss Week is open from 10 am-1 p.m. for family viewing and 5 p.m.-10 p.m. for general viewing. Swiss week ends March 20.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Al-Wazzan
Al Bilad

The hijacking of a plane and the threats to hundreds of innocent lives is considered a criminal and terrorist act. There are hundreds of ways to express oneself and to stage protests. Why then is this terrorist method adopted and people subjected to nerve-breaking situations by a group of terrorists, who fail to realize the dimensions of their aggression?

Every country should not only denounce hijacking but must also desist from extending any assistance to such groups. In my opinion, the terrorists would not make any venture in the air if they know in advance that they would not be welcome anywhere.

With the developed channels of communications at the world level, the international community can easily welcome any step that helps in safeguarding the life of any passenger in the air. I feel that political and economic hassles among nations must be used as a means to realize certain demands.

The tragedy of the hijacked Pakistani airliner is a record in terms of the hijacking period. Since world public opinion has condemned this act, there ought to be an international agreement on restricting any assistance to a hijacked plane. This would make the hijackers think several times before embarking on their murderous venture and subjecting hundreds of innocent lives to destruction.

Being concerned with the release of the hostages, the Pakistani government has shown flexibility in its attitude, but the terrorists everytime imposed a new condition, making the hostages a means to reach their goal. With the world community denouncing this act, the wanton elements must be dealt with severely and the countries of the world must unify their effort to ensure non-recurrence of such terrorist problems.



(SPA photo)
DISCUSSIONS: The 42 member Organization of Islamic Conference will hold a foreign minister meeting in Baghdad in the second half of May, officials announced. Picture shows OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti discussing arrangements for the meeting with an Iraqi foreign ministry team at the OIC secretariat in Jeddah. A committee of experts will meet in Jeddah on Saturday to study the draft agreement.

Mosques' role to be highlighted

JEDDAH, March 13 (SPA) — The fourth Mosque Week organized by the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments will begin here Monday to highlight the role of the mosque in the lives of Muslims. The ministries of education and higher education and the presidency of youth of welfare will take part in the proceedings. There are more than 20,000 mosques with a staff of 40,000, and the ministry has a budget of SR1,220 million which was increased recently to SR527 million. In the next financial year the ministry plans to build another 2,039 mosques at a cost of SR2,258 million of which nearly half will be built in the Southern and Northern Regions.

The others will be built in the Central and Eastern Region. The ministry builds and furnishes mosques, pays the salaries of the staff, including the Imams, Muezzins and servants. It also reimburses 40 per cent of the cost to those who wish to build mosques on their own as a charity, and after they have been built and furnished, the ministry will continue paying the salaries and maintenance costs.

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Constitutional amendments

Marcos offers to give up power

MANILA, March 13 (AP) — In an elaborate nationwide television dialogue, President Ferdinand Marcos said Thursday night he would give up some of his power and leave office sooner under constitutional amendments to be considered in an April 7 plebiscite.

Marcos also said he would consider pardon or conditional amnesty for his chief political rival, former Senator Benigno Aquino, although he repeated that Aquino would have to answer subversion charges first if returns from the United States.

Marcos, appearing with his wife and mem-

bers of his cabinet in Malacanang Palace, answered questions from panels of citizens in Manila and six other Philippine cities. The 2½-hour program was carried on 26 television and 248 radio stations.

Marcos promised that those opposed to the amendments would be given print space and broadcast time to give their views on the plebiscite. Opponents say the amendments are designed only to continue Marcos' 15-year reign as Philippine president.

"It is not true I will acquire more powers," Marcos said. "On the contrary, the amendments reduce the powers of the incumbent president." Marcos said he will lose his treaty-ratifying power to the National Assembly and will give up the post of prime minister, which he now holds in addition to that of president.

The amendments, covering a full newspaper page of fine print, would provide for election of a strong president in June with Marcos as the only viable candidate to announce, create a 15-member executive committee to take over if he dies, establish a weak prime minister to serve in an already existing National Assembly, grant immunity from suit to the president and his subordinates, limit the accreditation of political parties, and allow Filipinos who became citizens of other countries to own land in the Philippines.

The amendments radically change the form of government adopted under a 1973 constitution, ratified while Marcos had the Philippines under martial rule. That constitution calls for a ceremonial president and a powerful prime minister, both elected by members of the National Assembly rather than the people.

Marcos said he wants a public vote to give voters a chance to weigh his performance. He said he was asking his master, the people, "Do I continue? If not, then please replace me."

S. Korean dissidents allowed to return home

SEOUL, March 13 (AP) — The foreign ministry has issued instructions that would permit South Korean dissidents living abroad to visit their homeland "regardless of their past activities," officials said Friday. They said the instructions were given to ambassadors and consuls general from 63 foreign posts who now are meeting in Seoul.

The move was reported to be in line with statements made by President Chun Doo-hwan when he visited the United States earlier this year. He had been quoted as saying that such persons would be allowed to return to South Korea with their exit guaranteed.

Another American detained in Mozambique

JOHANNESBURG, March 13 (AP) — A second American has been reported detained in Mozambique, which earlier this month expelled four U.S. Embassy staffers on charges they were spies for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The official Mozambican news agency AIM said Thursday that Carl Mohrer, who it identified as a biology teacher at Eduardo Mondlane University in Mozambique's capital, was arrested March 7.

The dispatch, monitored here, also reported that businessman Arthur Zimmerman was also being held. The U.S. State Department reported Monday the Zimmerman had been arrested last week at his home in Maputo, the capital but the Mozambican news media had not previously mentioned it.

The State Department said Zimmerman is an industrial engineer who had worked at a tire plant in Mozambique for several years.

AIM said a source in the security ministry confirmed the detentions but gave no further details. The two Americans were apparently taken into custody in connection with the claim by the Marxist government that it had broken a CIA spy ring. The government said the alleged agents tried to recruit members of the Mozambican armed forces and assisted South Africa in carrying out a raid in January on what South Africa said was a black guerrilla stronghold.

U.S. study links coffee to cancer

BOSTON, Massachusetts, March 13 (AP)

— People who drink a cup or two of coffee a day are nearly twice as likely as non-drinkers to get cancer of the pancreas, and coffee drinking may cause more than half of the 20,000 deaths a year in the United States from this disease, a Harvard study concludes.

But the researchers said that although they found a strong link between coffee drinking and the fatal malignancy, there was no proof that coffee actually causes the disease. They stopped short of advising people not to drink it.

The researchers found no association between the drinking and pancreatic cancer, suggesting that caffeine — the stimulant found in coffee, tea and some colas — was not a factor.

Spokesman David Kuhnert at the National Coffee Association in New York said the trade group was having scientists review the study and would issue a response later. The association estimates that the average American over age 10 drinks two cups of coffee a day.

The pancreas is a gland behind the stomach that produces digestive juices and contains cells that make insulin. When this organ becomes cancerous, the outlook is poor, because the disease often is advanced by the time it is discovered.

Meanwhile, it has been reported in Peking that Chinese medical researchers have isolated a family of bacteria that helps reduce or eliminate certain types of cancer when used with conventional treatment. The official Xinhua news agency said injections of preparation from the bacteria — referred to as aerobic propionibacterium in bone marrow — have been used to treat malignant tumors of the lung, skin, breast and nasopharynx, and malignant exudate surrounding the lung.

Namibian issue

Council meeting proposed in Algiers

UNITED NATIONS, March 13 (Agencies) — U.N. members are actively reviewing a proposal for the Security Council to meet in Algiers on April 21 to consider how to break an impasse over bringing Namibia (Southwest Africa) to independence, according to diplomatic sources here. The United States and Britain were against the idea but France would not oppose a majority, the sources said.

As a procedural matter, the proposal is not subject to veto, for approval it would need a formal resolution and the votes of at least

Ito to meet Reagan

TOKYO, March 13 (AP) — Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito will leave for the United States March 21 for a March 24 meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan, a foreign ministry spokesman said Friday. Ito and Reagan are expected to discuss Japanese defense policies and auto exports, among other issues, as well as the planned visit of Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to the United States in May.

Ito will meet Secretary of State Alexander Haig on March 23, and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and special trade representative William Brock the same day, the spokesman said.

nine members which are thought to be available. Last Friday, the General Assembly recommended that the Security Council impose comprehensive mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa, which rules Namibia and has so far refused to implement U.N. independence proposals.

If such a resolution is submitted to the council, British, U.S. and French vetoes are considered certain. Because this would reinforce the current deadlock, steps short of sanctions might be considered, some sources suggested.

Meanwhile, the U.N. special committee against South African apartheid has been told that once-insignificant relations between South Africa and Taipei had lately taken "a dramatic upward swing."

James V. Gbeho of Ghana, Chairman of a subcommittee on collaboration with South Africa, explained that under recent agreements, South Africa supplied Taipei with corn (maize) and Taipei's vessels fished in South Africa's exclusive economic zone. He said there was also "nuclear collaboration" between the two and added that "intelligence sources" spoke of an informal alliance in the nuclear field linking South Africa, Taipei and Israel.

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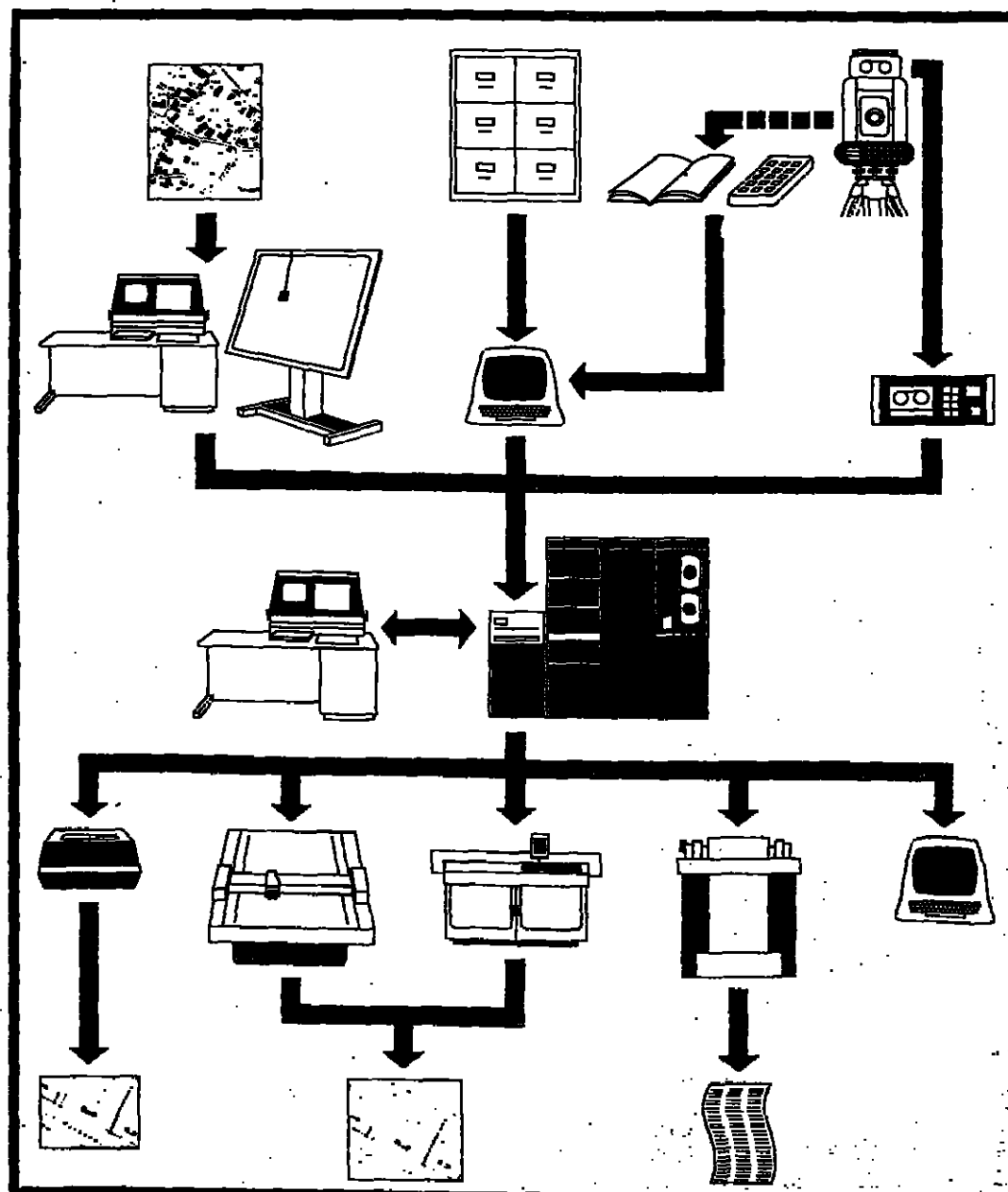
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America plans aid to rebels in Angola

WASHINGTON, March 13 (R) — The Reagan administration plans to ask Congress soon to repeal a 1976 ban on U.S. aid to rebel forces battling Angola's left-wing government, congressional sources have said.

Meanwhile, U.S. intelligence sources said Thursday Angolan government forces led by one Soviet and three Cuban generals had launched a fresh offensive against the rebel movement UNITA (Union for the Total Independence). Government air raids with Maxim had caused heavy civilian casualties, they added.

Carlos' aide indicted in unsuccessful coup

MADRID, March 13 (AP) — A titled general who was once King Juan Carlos' chief military aide was indicted Thursday, the second high-ranking officer to be accused of military rebellion in trying to overthrow the civilian government.

The trial of Maj. Gen. Alfonso Aramada, ousted deputy army chief of staff, and 24 other indicted officers could be delayed, however, high military sources indicated.

The defense ministry said the 61-year-old general, named the king's military instructor in 1954 by dictator Francisco Franco and later secretary of the royal household after the king ascended the throne on Franco's death in 1975, had been formally charged and ordered to stand trial two and a half weeks after the failed coup.

The congressional sources forecast the White House request would spark stiff opposition in Congress, Africa and among U.S. allies. State Department officials said immediate U.S. aid for UNITA would not necessarily follow Congress' repeal of its own so-called Clark amendment prohibiting such assistance.

One State Department official said any repeal would be seen in Africa as signaling a new U.S. policy more closely aligned with South African interests, including what he termed Pretoria's efforts to keep control over the adjacent territory of Namibia (Southwest Africa).

As such, he added, it would be regarded as hostile by many African governments, including Nigeria, America's second largest foreign oil supplier. The congressional sources also said any future U.S. aid to UNITA could wreck efforts to achieve independence for Namibia and also would encourage a continued Cuban military presence in the former Portuguese colony.

New York Democratic Congressman Stephen Solarz, leader of a successful battle against a similar repeal bid last year, vowed to fight any new attempt, adding there was a good chance of defeating it.

The U.S. intelligence sources said the new offensive by the Angolan government included dropping napalm from Soviet-supplied planes on at least four rebel-dominated villages, causing at least several hundred civilian casualties.



WITH THE FORDS: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt (second from left) persuades the visiting former U.S. President Gerald Ford and his wife Betty Ford (second from right) to pose for a photograph on their arrival at the Bonn Chancellery Wednesday night.

On U.S.-Soviet summit

Europe welcomes NATO talks

BRUSSELS, March 13 (R) — West European diplomats have welcomed a Washington announcement that the United States wanted early talks with its NATO allies on U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

The decision, announced in Washington Tuesday at the end of a visit by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, showed that the new U.S. administration was aware of West European concerns and sensitivities, they said. They also saw it as a sign of the new government's will to proceed with negotiations on the so-called "theater nuclear forces."

No precise date has been set for the meeting of NATO's special consultative group of high officials, the first since the U.S. government changed hands seven weeks ago, but the diplomats said that it would take place here this month.

Most West European governments believe it is politically indispensable for the U.S.-Soviet talks to go ahead as they were an integral part of NATO's controversial decision to modernize its forces by basing Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe.

U.S. officials said in Washington Tuesday that the U.S.-Soviet talks could begin in two to three months if the Soviet Union agreed.

Quebec premier calls for elections

QUEBEC CITY, Canada, March 13 (R) — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque dissolved the province's National Assembly Thursday night and called for elections on April 13. His move, less than a year after he lost a referendum on Quebec's independence from Canada, ended months of suspense over the timing of the elections.

Levesque and his Parti Quebecois (PQ) will face a strong challenge at the polls from a resurgent Liberal Party, which has won 11 consecutive by-elections since a new leader, Claude Ryan, took over in the spring of 1978. Ryan has claimed that Levesque and the PQ

lost all credibility when voters rejected his vision of an independent, French-speaking state politically separate from the rest of Canada.

Levesque and the PQ, which he founded more than a decade ago, swept into power on Nov. 15, 1976, with 71 seats in the 110-seat assembly. It held 67 seats at dissolution, compared with 34 Liberal seats, five Union Nationale, two independent and two which were vacant. Levesque's short statement dissolving the assembly was greeted with wild applause from both government and opposition benches.

U.S. attaches episode

Soviets accused of blackmail

MOSCOW, March 13 (AP) — The U.S. Embassy has accused Soviet officials of trying to blackmail and recruit two American military attaches during their trip to the Ukrainian city of Rovno in January.

Reacting to a Soviet newspaper's claim Thursday that one of the officers had to leave the Soviet Union after causing a "scandal", an embassy official said: "Our conclusion after full evaluation of all the circumstances of the matter is that these officers were subjected to a crude attempt at blackmail and recruitment organized and carried out by Soviet officials."

The officials were accused of drunkenness

and sexual misconduct with an unidentified woman in Rovno.

It was the embassy's first official confirmation that Soviet agents tried to compromise Maj. Hames R. Holbrook and Lt. Col. Thomas A. Spencer during their Jan. 13-14 visit to Rovno, near the Polish frontier.

The U.S. official labeled an article published by *Sovetskaya Rossiya* (Soviet Russia), the newspaper of the Communist Party, a "series of falsehoods" with the "obvious dual purpose of slandering" the two Americans involved and "trying to exculpate Soviet authorities from the role in this unsavory affair."



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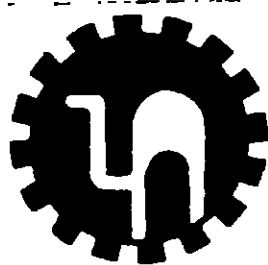
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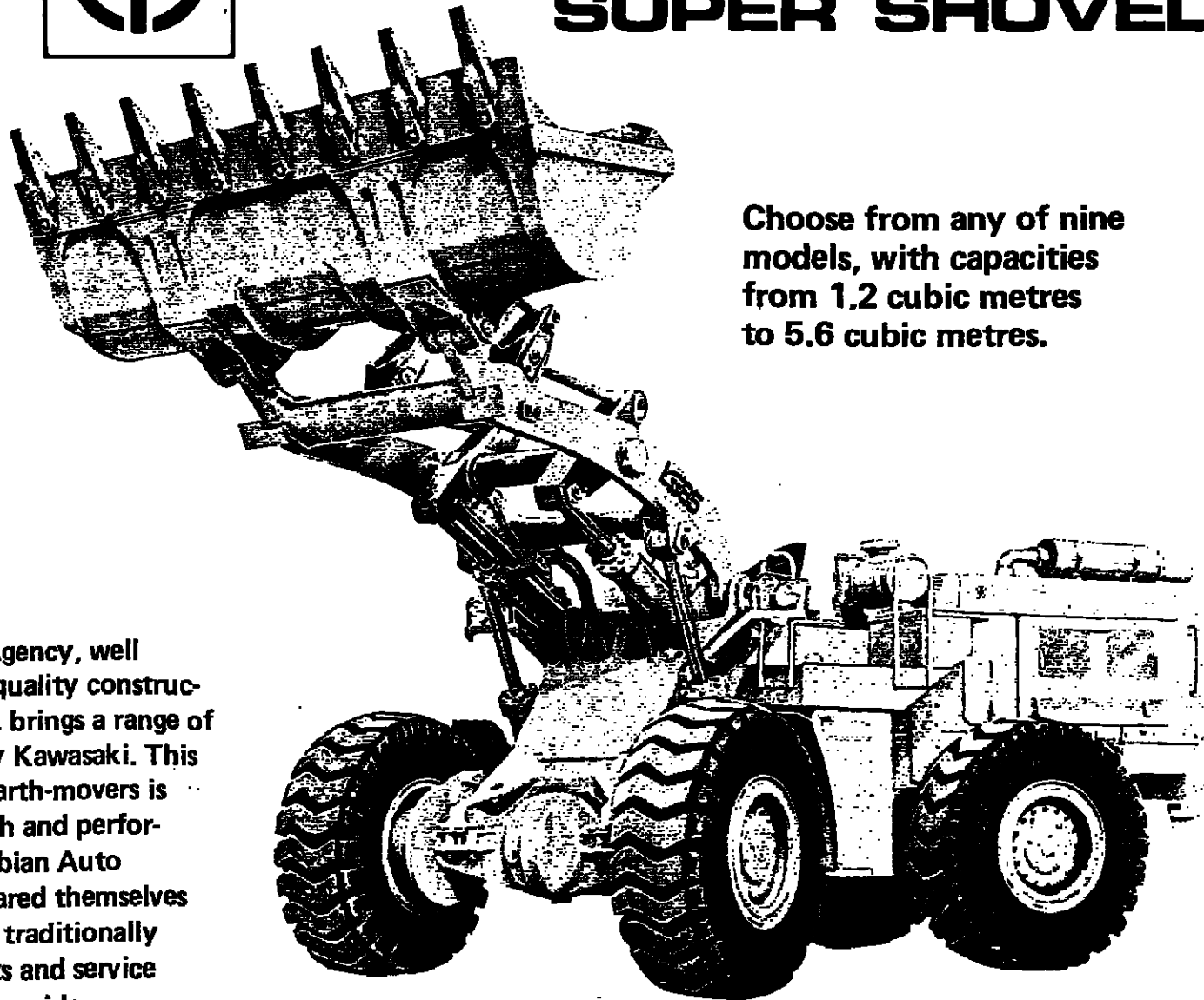


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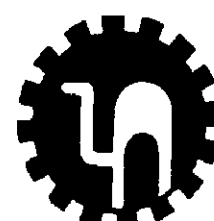
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Calvo Sotelo's new style of ruling

By Francois Raitberger

MADRID —

Spain's new Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo is bringing a new and unexpectedly open style to the office in a drive to reassure public opinion after last month's traumatic coup attempt. Calvo Sotelo, dismissed by his detractors as an aloof technocrat before he took on his new job, is showing a flair for dialogue and public relations which his predecessor, Adolfo Suarez, lacked.

The new style seems to be a product of his desire to avoid the mistakes which led to a sharp decline in Suarez's popularity, as well as from the deep crisis in which he took office. Calvo Sotelo, 54, was sworn in only 48 hours after rebel civil guards held the outgoing cabinet and the whole parliament captive for 18 hours in a bid to set up a military government on Feb. 23.

The coup crumbled in the face of King Juan Carlos' iron defense of Spain's five-year-old democracy. But it left a taste of fear among Spaniards who remember the four-decade dictatorship of the late Gen. Franco.

Faced with the crisis, Calvo Sotelo acted swiftly. After his cabinet was sworn in, he ordered an investigation into the abortive coup and had four generals arrested. But he has been careful so far not to turn the arrests into a purge of the army, heeding the king's advice to avoid antagonizing the military still divided between loyalty to the king and defiance of the new democracy.

Distrust of regional devolution, which the military fears will destroy Spanish unity, and anger at continuing separatist guerrilla killings were two major causes behind the abortive coup.

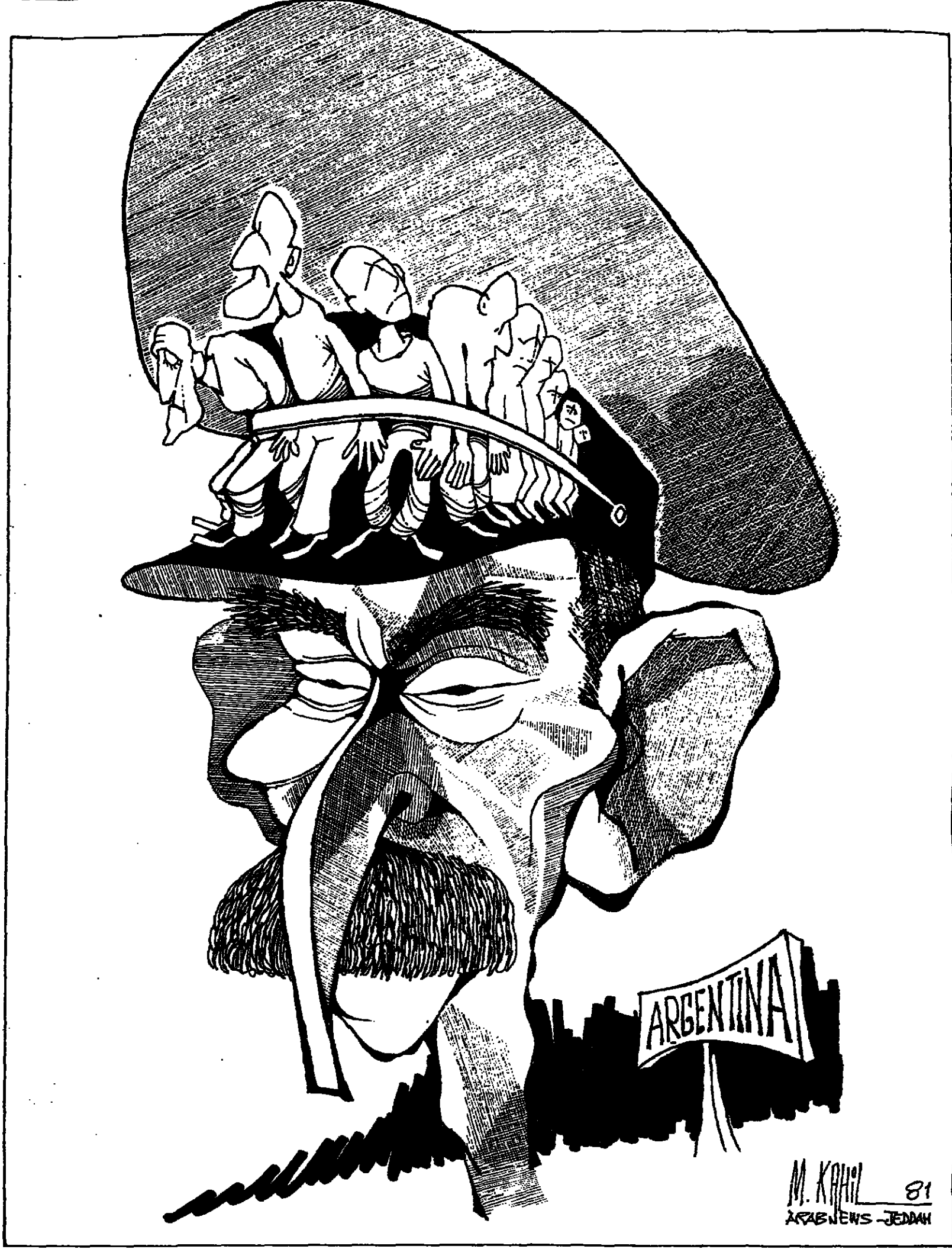
Calvo Sotelo acted rapidly when the separatist organization ETA (Basque homeland and liberty) killed a police commissioner in Bilbao less than two weeks after the military uprising. He instantly flew to Bilbao to pay tribute to the dead policeman and pledge a relentless fight against the guerrillas. His gesture was well received by the security forces, which have been ETA's main target for years. Suarez, widely criticized for failing to visit the Basque country, made his first official trip there only last December after nearly five years in power.

Calvo Sotelo was also quick to open a dialogue with political parties, although he turned down an offer from the main opposition Socialists to form a coalition government with the ruling centrists to shore up democracy.

Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez was among the first visitors to the Moncloa Palace, the prime minister's official residence just outside Madrid. The visit gave photographers free shot of Calvo Sotelo grinning broadly as he shook Gonzalez's hand. He had become known as the man who never smiled after a photographer from the Madrid newspaper *El Pais* vainly pleaded for one as a world scoop.

Suarez, governing from the solitude of the Moncloa Palace, disliked appearing in public, delivering speeches, attending parliament and meeting the press, and he became the target of increasing press and opposition criticism. But Calvo Sotelo has deliberately avoided his predecessor's style. He held a press conference within minutes of winning a parliamentary vote of confidence and another one after his first regular cabinet meeting.

Calvo Sotelo has endeavored to convey to the press the image of a self-assured and determined man in complete control of the situation. He has rejected all suggestions that his government is fragile and is governing under a constant military threat. (R)



SHOPPING FOR ARMS

It is no secret that Iraq has been successfully shopping for arms in Europe, and that Iran has been doing the same, though with little success. It is also no secret that both sides, with the mediation effort by the Islamic countries stymied, are preparing themselves for a spring round of fighting, when the weather and terrain once more permit movement of armor.

But the press conference given in London by Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr. Saadoun Hammadi did add something to this picture: He decisively discounted the stories circulated in the West of Soviet arms shipments to Iraq, and made it clear that his country received nothing from the Soviets since the start of the war.

Hammadi also revealed that, at least for the present, relations with the Soviet Union remain normal. He also noted that the relations with the United States remain broken, although he was careful to say that such state of affairs can only be temporary, and that changes in the political situation are bound to cause both parties to reconsider.

Hammadi, noted for his diplomatic subtlety, was careful to underplay the implications of his country's present relations with the superpowers, especially in the light of the war still in progress in the Gulf. He was articulating in this his country's central contention that relations with this or that superpower can only be secondary to Iraq's thoroughly independent line.

The minister's mission to London had as its primary aim the improvement of relations with Britain. It was perhaps for this reason that he did not choose to spell out his country's stand on Britain's expressed intention of joining in the American Rapid Deployment Force. But his rejection of this was implicit in his general rejection of any foreign troops in the Gulf area, be they Eastern or Western.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is the editor-publisher of 'El Independiente,' a daily opposition newspaper in El Salvador that was founded by his father in 1955. He is now living temporarily in Mexico.)

By Jorge Pinto

On Jan. 16, as editor and publisher of *El Independiente* in San Salvador, I was to wire an article that the *Los Angeles Times* had requested, giving my views of the events in El Salvador. First, I had a telephone conversation with an editor at the *Times*. An hour later, the military came looking for me at the nearby office of the Independent Associated Press (API), of which I am director, and arrested the staff. My newspaper again established phone contact with Los Angeles, to report that the article could not be transmitted because the building was being surrounded by troops. My wire operator speculated that "they don't like us to call the *L.A. Times* because Reagan reads that newspaper." Simultaneously, the military went to my home and threatened my wife and three-year-old son with death. Later we gathered at a friend's home. Meanwhile, troops returned in force to my newspaper and smashed all the equipment.

Learning that the military wanted me "dead or alive," I took my family to the Mexican embassy, where we were granted political asylum. Now I find myself in exile in Mexico. There was nothing else to do. My presses were smashed; *El Independiente's* voice could not be heard anymore. I left, not because of lack of the Salvadoran people's support

for idealistic journalism, but because, after the takeover of my office and machinery, after the capture of my employees and perhaps even the eventual disappearance of my family and myself, there would be absolute silence about the facts. The army would use our office as they wished, and make the classic charge that we are Communists; the truth would be camouflaged by the government's propagandists; the outrage committed against us would have the weight of 50 years of lying to satiate an unquenchable thirst for power which maintains a regime that was wrapped our country in a whirlwind of violence.

As I write these lines, I am convinced that God cannot allow these atrocities to continue against five million people in El Salvador, who are dying like chickens in a slaughterhouse. And so again I will resume the message that I set out to deliver on Jan. 16, and within the limits of this space, answer the question, "What is happening in El Salvador, and why?"

For 50 years, the military has acted as a political party. For 50 years they have promised free elections and reforms. Today, through token civilian President Jose Napoleon Duarte, the military dictatorship once again promises elections and the participation of all sectors. Nobody can believe that after 50 years of lies.

My newspaper has been confiscated, in express violation of my country's constitution, because of our weapon: words. Words are also the weapon in an electoral campaign. How can the government

orchestrate a dialogue when it is suffocating all ideas? To attack a newspaper is to attack the democratic present and future of a country. The military's takeover of *El Independiente* proves the lack of sincerity on the part of my country's government, in terms of allowing free circulation of all political ideologies at all times.

Personally, I don't want a Stalin in my country, but neither do I want a Napoleon Duarte as a benevolent mask for the murdering military. The Salvadoran people today know of no other system than that of torture and brainwashing like that attributed to Lavrenti Beria, who did the dirty work for Stalin. The Salvadoran people are fighting an army that has always oppressed them, and their right to insurrection is backed by the Salvadoran constitution. The people of the United States would have been in arms long ago if they had experienced the horrors that the Salvadorans have suffered for 50 years.

I have been a journalist for more than 20 years, as were my father and grandfather. I have fought for the principles of Western democracy in my country. I have fought for a social justice that would bring peace and tranquility to my country. Now I am convinced that justice cannot exist while an army also exists to carry out a policy of extermination. (I wish to note that democracy has flourished in Costa Rica, where there is no army.)

Now the forces of reason and democracy increasingly are giving their political support to those who have taken up arms, regardless of what their label might be. The guerrilla forces are people who, one way or another, do not want a dictatorship based on assassination, fraud, lies and corruption. The political support behind those in arms is broad-based, comprising Social Democrats, Christian Democrats, even honest military people, such as Col. Ernesto Claromont. He won the vote in 1977, and if it had not been for electoral fraud, he would be the legitimate president of El Salvador today. Taking into account all these types of people who are opposing the current regime, it is ridiculous to call them leftist. They represent the spirit of the whole country.

Dictatorship or participatory democracy — there is no other option for the Salvadoran people. If they are not supported, these will be a radicalization of the crisis and the social cost will be high. If the army were the cause of so many frauds and assassinations in the great democracy of the United States, the chasm would be as wide as the one that led to the civil war to liberate the slaves and restore the union. How can the United States support the military in El Salvador, after having spent thousands of lives in the fight against military fascism in Europe? The medals my journalist grandfather won for supporting the allies during World War II would be fit only for the garbage heap if I were to fight fascism abroad and remain speechless before the fascism our country has experienced for 50 years.

It must be understood that the governing army in El Salvador is neither the right nor the left, let alone the middle. It is a group of murders and thieves corrupted by lust for power.

When the right-wing government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero was overthrown in October 1979, the new junta cited the murders and disappearances that had been carried out during his

regime. The junta proclaimed that justice would be done for the families of those people. But justice never arrived. The criminals and torturers of Romero's regime remained in the army. A year and a half later, nothing has been done. The process that began in 1932 remains intact.

In that year, a military junta took power, and 30,000 "campesinos" launched an insurrection and were massacred. (It was said that they were led by the words of Karl Marx. That is not true; they were led by their empty stomachs.) The junta then handed power over to Gen. Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez, father of the present regime. Martinez violated the constitution in order to reelect himself in 1936, and again in 1940. He was forced to turn over power to his second-in-command, Gen. Andres Ignacio Menendez in 1944, who then turned the presidency over to Gen. Osmín Aguirre Salinas, whose principal policy was the expulsion of all opponents who might win in a free election.

In 1945, power was passed to Gen. Salvador Castaneda Castro. In 1948, he was stripped of his powers by the revolutionary governing council, which was comprised of both military officers and civilians. Finally, command was given to one of the council members, Col. Oscar Osorio, who consolidated his power in 1950 by way of a scandalous election fraud. Osorio promoted "free" elections in 1957 — free, that is, for his minister of the interior, Col. Jose Maria Lemus, the only presidential candidate.

In 1960, another military-civilian junta came to power through a coup and, in 1961, another "free" election was won by the only candidate, Col. Julio Adalberto Rivera. In 1968, power passed to Gen. Fidel Sanchez Hernandez, architect of the "soccer war" with Honduras, which was meant to mask El Salvador's internal problems.

In 1972, no popular political organizations worth mentioning existed, but the people demonstrated great civic consciousness and voted for Jose Napoleon Duarte, a civilian. But Col. Arturo Arman Do Molina was named president. *El Independiente* had declared Duarte the winner, and in the scandal that ensued, my wife Teresita, was arrested and my newspaper was sacked. Gen. Romero came to power through the fraudulent election of 1977, once again demonstrating to the people that while they could exercise their right to vote, they could never have power via the ballot box.

I give this short history to demonstrate that never once in 50 years has there been even a brief interlude for democracy in my country. Is it any wonder that the people of El Salvador are convinced that they cannot find the path of their own destiny by way of elections?

Now the people see the instrument of their repression for 50 years armed by the U.S. government. Now the sum of 50 years of hoodwinking and murderous banditry gives credence to the words of those who contend that it is necessary to fight force with force. Now, out of the shadows of night, come the people who would end this dictatorship, and every day they grow in number and strength. Thousands and thousands of millions of dollars cannot silence the voice of people who, after 50 years, once again ask for justice. (L.A.T)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers gave major emphasis to the Gulf Cooperation Council. In a lead story, *Al Medina* quoted the speaker of Kuwait's National Assembly as saying the cooperation council is a "pioneering and ideal step" toward cooperation among the states of the Gulf. *Al Bilad* gave lead prominence to Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's statement in Muscat, in which he said the accord among the Gulf Arab states would lead the people of the region toward progress. Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's reaffirmation that Muscat resolutions would realize the hopes and aspirations of the people of the region figured prominently in a lead story in *Al Jazirah* while *Okaz* reported in a lead story that the Jerusalem Committee would meet April 23.

In a front-page story, *Al Bilad* quoted the leader of the German industrial delegation as saying that Saudi-German relations are strong and based on mutual respect. He further said that bilateral relations would continue to grow in a positive manner. Newspapers frontpaged a report in which it said that Crown Prince Fahd has received a message from President Said Barre of Somalia. In a page one story, *Al Medina* reported the conclusion of the Syrian-Lebanese summit meeting in Damascus, saying that the summit has stressed the need for adopting effective measures to realize security and to remove tension from the area.

Newspapers also frontpaged further reports on the hijacked Pakistani airliner and quoted the British daily newspaper *Guardian* as confirming that

executed President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's son Mur-taza Bhutto had organized the hijacking with the assistance of Col. Qaddafi and terrorist Carlos. *Okaz* said in a front-page story that British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington would meet with PLO Chairman Yassar Arafat next July after Britain assumes the presidency of the European Economic Community. In a page one story, *Al Jazirah* reported that four gliders had dropped explosives on three Zionist industrial complexes which resulted in a fire in occupied Haifa. It also reported that non-aligned nations are preparing to embark on an effort to put an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

Newspaper editorials commented on the development of the means of Palestinian resistance against the Zionist enemy. They reaffirmed it was the right of the Palestinian resistance to continue the struggle for the sake of two million Palestinians and to resort to arms against the enemy who has occupied the land of Palestinians. Some papers discussed the efforts being exerted by the Islamic goodwill committee to settle the Iraq-Iranian crisis. They said the Islamic world made this conciliatory move-out of a strong feeling at a crucial stage through which it is passing presently. They, however, hoped that reason and wisdom would prevail on the warring parties and that they would try to solve the dispute within the framework of the Islamic spirit.

In an editorial on Palestinian resistance, *Al Jazirah* noted that the activities of the Palestinian commandos gliders against the Zionist occupation

represents a significant factor in the development of resistance which basically aims to liberate the occupied land and to force the enemy to recognize that occupied Palestine has a people who will continue to struggle for the liberation and independence of their country. The paper added that the Palestinian resistance found its way into the occupied territory through the sea, reaching the occupied coasts of Palestine so heavily guarded and watched by men and electronic equipment. The paper described the use of gliders as an advanced step toward a possible use of the Palestinian air force against the Zionist targets in occupied Palestine. It added that as the Palestinians can obtain gliders they can also obtain fighter planes without difficulty.

On the other hand, *Okaz* discussed the efforts being exerted by the Islamic goodwill committee in finding a solution to the Iraq-Iran armed conflict. It said that it is with a pan-Islamic sense that the committee is making earnest efforts to end the war between the two Islamic states. The paper reiterated that the continuation of the war would only lead to further escalation of the situation which would help neither of the two parties, but would complicate the situation and provide opportunity for the alien forces to embark on an adventure that none might have thought of. The paper, however, held the belief that both parties appreciate the efforts of the goodwill committee, and expressed the hope that they would reconsider their position in view of the delicate situation.

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'Baby snatching' rampant in America

By Anthea Disney

NEW YORK, (ONS) — "Parental kidnapping" is on the increase in the United States. There are now between 100,000 and 200,000 cases a year where one parent simply takes off with the kids and disappears — sometimes for ever. No one can be sure of the exact number. Many cases go unreported and others remain unrecorded because of the lingering feeling among officials that the law should stay out of domestic squabbles.

When Robin Reiss was 25, she realized her marriage to her husband Gerry was breaking down. They were transplanted New Yorkers, living in Ohio. Gerry couldn't seem to keep a job, the couple had been living on what Robin could make as a tax statistician and when she became pregnant Gerry was furious because Robin wouldn't have an abortion. Two-and-a-half years after Kevin was born, the couple went to court to get a separation order. Robin was awarded temporary custody and given permission to return to New York.

One weekend, after Robin had finished lunch in a Brooklyn restaurant with Kevin and her parents, the family, still chatting, walked outside on to the pavement. Two men suddenly emerged from nowhere, squirted riot gas in the faces of the adults, punched Robin's father, grabbed the child and disappeared in a waiting car. That was five years ago, and Robin has been son only once since then. "Four months after he was snatched, my husband showed up for a custody hearing in Chicago with Kevin. I had 10 minutes with him.

"By the time the judge had awarded me custody, Gerry had taken Kevin away. He was ordered by the court to hand Kevin over to me but he never did. His attorney claimed my husband had no forwarding address and could not be contacted." Robin Reiss's hopes of ever seeing Kevin again become a little more shadowy every year, but they are nourished by incredible stories of children being found decades after their disappearance. In one case, a wealthy orthopaedic surgeon from New York took off with his three young daughters before custody could be decided.

He left behind not just his affluent home and lifestyle but his successful practise and a place in society that he, apparently, had valued highly. Ten years later, the surgeon was found in Arizona, working as a short-order cook in a diner, living with his daughters in a shabby little apartment. For that family, the ultimate sadness was that it was too late for the girls to return to their mother.

When a child is snatched, police will file a missing persons report and then bow out of what they feel is a domestic dispute. Add to this the difficulties of tracking a parent and child over thousands of miles, through many states, each of which has its own set of laws and little respect for court orders from other jurisdictions, and the size of the problem

begins to emerge. Just before the end of his term as president, Jimmy Carter signed into law the first piece of federal legislation to deter child snatching. From July 1 this year, states will be required for the first time to give "full faith and credit" to other states' custody orders.

In the 31 states where child snatching is considered a felony, a judge will be able to get the FBI on the case. Until now the FBI has resisted responsibility, saying its business is not baby hunting.

Finally a computerized federal network, known as the parent locator service, originally set up to trace those accused of non-payment of child support, will be made available to help trace parental kidnapers.

This new law is giving renewed hope to thousands of desperate parents who plan to start searching again after July 1. Rae Gummel, who with her husband Arnold Miller, began a Washington-based clearing house for information on grabbed children after his first wife disappeared one day with their four-and-a-half year-old-son Mason, has 6,000 cases on her files. "It's a very depressing business. I have to tell these people that fewer than 10 per cent of snatched children are ever found and of those, 70 per cent are located in the first six or seven months.

The motive is always to control or punish the other parent. It's never because the kidnaping parent loves the child so much.

"That's why there are so many horror stories of children being injured when they're grabbed. I've even heard of a couple who were killed."

It took five years and \$40,000 before Rae Gummel and Arnold Miller finally found his ex-wife and son in a religious community in Atlanta. Mason was nine years old by then and the judge who heard the case told Arnold, "It's water over the dam," and awarded the mother custody.

One of the decisions that victim parents must take is whether to take the slow, legal route, using the courts, or whether to go to a private investigator and organize a snatch-back. Joe Brandine is a classic private eye with a heavy sentimental streak and has specialized in tracking down such children for the last 10 years.

He says: "In 70 to 80 per cent of cases, it's the father who grabs the child. The kids are usually between three and six years old. A lot of fathers would gladly hand the child back, but they're too proud. The kid is a pawn. Brandine charges an average of \$7,500 to find and bring home a child, expenses included. That compares more than favorably with typical lawyers' bills of around \$30,000 for obtaining custody through the courts.

Another thing common in the United States is the children of divorced parents who live, quite separately, with both their mother and fathers, spending one week with one parent and then crossing town to spend the next

week with the other. Joint custody, as the arrangement is known, is becoming increasingly popular as fathers are more involved in parenting and therefore more reluctant to play the role of weekend daddy.

In California, where social trends seem to get started, one in five cases now ends in joint custody. Both the mother and the father have equal legal rights and responsibilities in decisions affecting their child's life. They often opt to open a joint bank account to take care of the kid's needs and usually the child has two homes between which he shares his time equally — although joint custody need not necessarily be a physical arrangement.

With 40 per cent of marriages ending in divorce, it was inevitable that some more equitable solution would have to be devised than the usual mother-takes-all-but-weekends deal. Changing family roles mean that now more than half the mothers in America with children under 18 work outside the home. These women do not want to relinquish their rights to their children in divorce; neither do they want to bear the full burden. Everyone, in fact, felt the traditional arrangement needed improvement.

"Joint kids," as one eight-year-old calls himself and others like him, seem mostly to be happy with the new deal. Psychologists warn that the adults must be able to isolate their marital troubles from their parental roles and emphasize that, unless this can be done, joint custody can create disastrous psychological problems of insecurity for the child.

In the case of Jennifer Cott, 15, the only answer seemed to be for her to accept two equal but separate parents and homes. When Betty and Ted Cott split up four years ago, Jennifer's father refused to be a weekend parent and Jennifer herself felt she loved both of them equally. "It sounds trite but we had a rather amicable separation," Ted Cott says. "We both agreed Jennifer would be the most important factor in our break-up. I don't think our lawyers had ever heard of joint custody — neither had we — but we worked out what seemed a logical solution and that's what it became called."

Jennifer has two bedrooms, two sets of clothes, records, books and adolescent paraphernalia. She has, however, one school and one social life, and every six months she gets in a taxi and crosses town from one side of New York to the other; otherwise her life is unchanged.

Jennifer was fairly mature, but joint custody can be more difficult when younger children are involved. Many parents try to smooth the way by letting the children stay in the family home for at least a couple of years: psychologists call it "the birds nest" syndrome. This means that it is the parents who move back and forth rather than the children, until the kids are old enough to feel secure in two different physical locations.



TREE: When man has succeeded in felling all the trees in the world, he will undoubtedly create trees such as this — made out of aluminum. Seen on the Common in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, this tree is the work of an ingenious metal artist. It is designed "to make people think."

Beirut National Museum

The mystery of missing treasures

By Sean Toolan

BEIRUT, (ONS) — As a starting point for rumors, there is no more fertile soil than this city; and the grander, more expansive sounding the rumor, the more it gains ground and apparent credence. The latest, grandest, most expansive rumor started as a question asked by Lebanese reporters and Government investigators. "What's happened to the national museum treasures?" Only one man can tell them, and he's consistently refused to do so since the end of the Lebanese civil war four years ago.

Maurice Chehab, hunched over a desk in his office in the war-battered museum, is more than happy to talk about what's left of his place of history, but steadfastly refuses to say where the treasures are. Chehab, 78, is director-general of the Lebanese National Museum. To local intellectuals he is a hero of the art world, but to many others he is simply an elderly man who refuses to admit his treasures are gone forever.

One thing is irrefutably true. Many of the treasures, including Phoenician jewelry of Persian and Greek influence, pre-Christian era cups excavated from northern Lebanon, and shell upon shelf of jewelry sent as gifts by the Egyptian pharaohs to the kings of Byblos, are missing. They are not in the museum, and Emir Chehab, as he is reverently known to the art community, will only say: "Three people in the world know where the treasures are — my wife, me, and the President of the Republic of Lebanon. That is too many people."

Chehab says he moved the treasures when the civil war started in 1975, and kept on moving them after the war ended two years later. He is a legend in Beirut. The art community tells of him driving, at the age of 73, through shot and shell as the war raged around him, his car stacked with museum treasures. He says his wife helped him. "She was braver than I was, because this is my museum; I had to stay." Troops moved into

the museum, ostensibly at first to guard it. Then they decided to live there and the grand rumors started. The man on the street in the city is sure where the treasures are: "They've been looted," he murmurs furtively. He doesn't say where they've gone but he's pretty sure it's to another city.

There is no evidence to suggest the troops stole anything from the museum, and, indeed, Chehab flicks away the suggestion with a derisive laugh. Why, then, will he not produce the treasures to ease public fears and suspicions? "I will not say where they are, and I will never say," he maintained. He would not even say if there are any pieces left in the shattered building, and the army permission is needed even for Chehab to go in.

The once-grand building has been badly damaged by the war. "Yes," says Chehab, "the outside is badly wounded, but the inside was kept safe. You know, it's a remarkably strong building." Chehab swears none of the treasures were damaged in the war.

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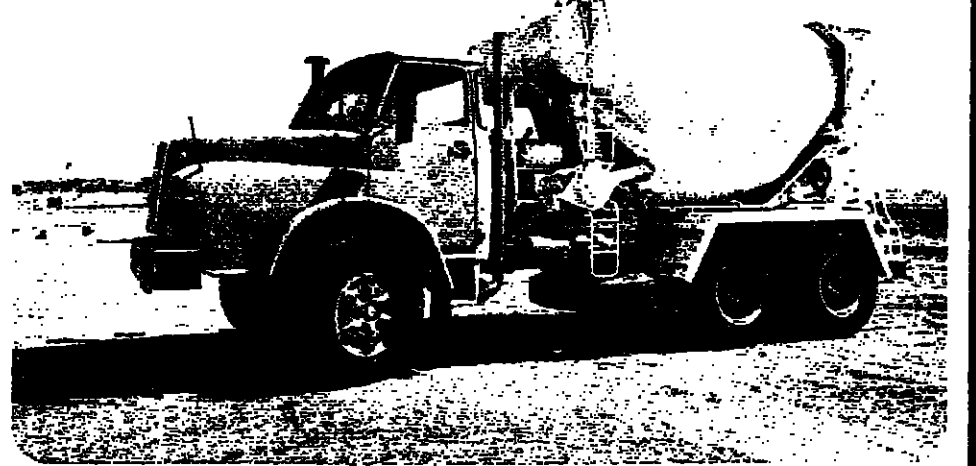
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Brace by McDonald

Manchester makes F.A. Cup semifinals

LONDON, March 13 (R) — Full back McDonald scored twice within three minutes Wednesday night to set up Manchester City's first appearance in the English Football Association (FA) Cup semifinals for 12 years.

McDonald's goals in the 65th and 68th minutes ended Everton's spirited challenge in a quarterfinal replay, which the Manchester club went on to win 3-1 in a glamorous tie against league leaders Ipswich.

The Scot, watched by his national team manager Jock Stein, gave his side the lead with a fierce drive and soon afterwards headed home fellow Scot Tommy Hutchison's free kick.

Skipper Paul Power, who scored a dramatic late equalizer on Saturday to earn City a replay, added a third in the 84th minute. Peter Eastoe scored a last minute consolation goal for Everton.

Tottenham, who meet Wolverhampton in the other semifinal, salvaged a 2-2 home draw in a league match against Stoke with a late goal by substitute Gary Brooks.

Meanwhile Liverpool, its scorer halo fading slightly, has a last chance this Saturday to redeem its reputation and win something big this season.

Liverpool meets West Ham, runaway leader of the English Second Division promotion race, in the English League Cup final at Wembley Stadium. The League Cups is the one major English title Liverpool has never won. Recently, Liverpool's long run as one of the great teams of Europe has seemed in danger of ending.

This great Merseyside team has won the English League four times in the last five seasons, and has champion team of European in 1977 and 1978. This year it is out of contention for both the English League and the English Cup.

But the League Cup still remains. Winning it would give Liverpool certain place in the UEFA Cup next season.

Results

English F.A. Cup		
Manchester	3	Everton
Division One		
Tottenham	2	Stoke
Morton	0	Clyde Bank
Scottish F.A. Cup		
Airdrieonians	3	Kilmarnock
Premier Division		
Dun	2	Dumbarton
Straenraer	2	Hamilton
Division Two		
Alloa	0	Albion Rovers
East Fife	2	Stirling
Forfar	1	Cowdenbeath
Montrose	2	Stenhousemuir

Greece slips into 2nd berth

LUXEMBOURG, March 13 (R) — Greece moved a step nearer a place in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain next year by beating Luxembourg 2-0 in a European Group Five qualifying match last night.

The win lifted them into second place in the group standings. The Italians lead with maximum points from four matches. Greece have six points from four games and Yugoslavia, likely to contest the second qualifying place with the Greeks, are two points behind with a game in hand.

Greece, playing with the wind in the first half, had nearly all of the play but were unable to capitalize on their territorial advantage until Constantin Kouis headed home a Kousoulakis corner in the 38th minute.

Luxembourg, without a goal in four previous group matches, threatened briefly to equalize after the break. But their hopes were dashed when defender Ernest Dax handled the ball in the penalty area in the 55th minute. Thomas Mavros made no mistake with the spot kick.

Most of the stars of Liverpool's 1978 European Cup triumph are still on the team — goalkeeper Ray Clemence, defenders Phil Neal, Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen, midfielders Terry McDermott, Graeme Souness and Ray Kennedy, striker Kenny Dalglish. But somehow this season Liverpool has lost its champion touch.

West Ham dropped out of the First Division in 1978, but now the English Cup last season and has maintained a reputation for high quality soccer.

It is in top place in the second Division with a ten points lead over its nearest rival, and with nine games left to play is 14 points ahead of the team in fourth place. Since the top three win promotion at the end of the season, West Ham is virtually there already.

Trevor Brooking, England midfielder star, is still the inspiration behind West Ham. He has stayed faithful to the team despite its spell in the Second Division and recently has been playing as well as when he was first chosen for England seven years ago.

In Doral Open Golf

Three share top spot

MIAMI, March 13 (AP) — Ray Floyd opened defense of his title with a 6-under-par 68 and tied David Graham and Gil Morgan for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$250,000 Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

"A good, solid round. I'm very proud of it," said Floyd, whose home is only a few miles away from the 7,065-yard Blue Monster course at the Doral Country Club.

"Coming back, defending, you don't often do as well as you'd like," said Floyd, who counts the Masters and PGA National titles among his 12 tour titles. "This was a good start."

It wasn't such a good start for the man Floyd beat in a playoff here a year ago. Jack Nicklaus, a runner-up last week, struggled to a 74 that left him, far, far back in the pack and needing improvement Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday.

Morgan birdied three holes in a row on the back nine, playing those three in eight shots. Graham, a former PGA champ and winner at Phoenix earlier this season, escaped without a bogey to tie Floyd for the top spot. Keith Fergus was next on a warm, sunny day with a 67.

In Arizona, Alexandra Reinhardt came into the LPGA Sun City Classic with a new swing and a "nervous" feeling about her game.

When she came off the course Thursday,

nothing much had changed — except for her name appearing atop the leader board.

Reinhardt, who has never won a tournament on the women's professional tour, shot a 6-under-par 67 to take a 2-stroke lead in the \$ 100,000 event entering Friday's second round.

"I bogeyed the first hole," she said. "I hit my drive behind a tree and I thought 'oh boy, another one of those days.'"

That was the closest her game came to falling apart, as the 27-year-old former New Mexico State Women's Amateur champion then went out and birdied seven holes to grab a 2-stroke lead over Patty Hayes and Kathy Young.

Hayes was happy to get off the 6,279-yard par 73 Hillcrest Golf Course in Sun City West despite a sixth-place finish in last week's Arizona Copper Classic in Tucson.

Hayes and many of the golfers teeing off late had to battle gusty winds through the closing holes.

England beaten

IPSWICH, England, March 13 (AFP) — Hungary denied England a historic triumph in the European Table Tennis League by winning 4-3 here Thursday.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia swept to a 4-0 victory over West Germany in Nachod while Yugoslavia defeated the Soviet Union 4-3 in Yugoslavia.

Mize, Foster named to Hall of Fame

TAMPALN, Florida March 13 (AP) — Johnny Mize, whose big bat figured in five World Series, and Rube Foster, a pitcher and founder of the Negro National League at the turn on the century, were named Tuesday to baseball's Hall of Fame by the veterans committee.

Mize, whose batting average was .312 in a 15-year career with the Louis Cardinals, New York Giants and New York Yankees, was a

climatic long-ball hitter. He hit three home runs in the five World Series in which he played.

Foster pitched for the obscure Negro Leagues for 29 years, starting in 1897, and later organized the Negro National League. It was out of this league and similar ones that Jackie Robinson came in 1947 in baseball's first break in the color barrier.

Mize's World Series record was compiled

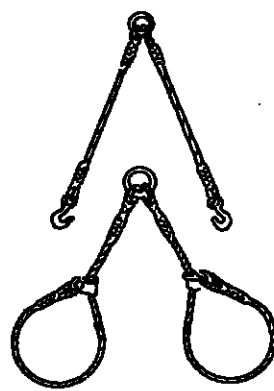
entirely with the Yankees. He played in 18 games and had a series average of 9286. Mize slammed 359 home runs, 315 of them in the National League.

Foster, whose given name was Andrew, came out of Calverton Texas, where he was born Sept. 17, 1879, to play a dominant part in the Negro Leagues, whose players were barred from the majors until Robinson's break through with Brooklyn Dodgers.

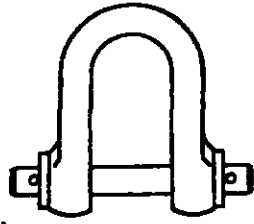


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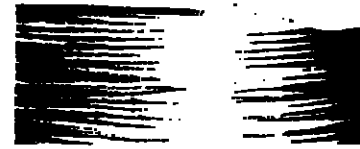
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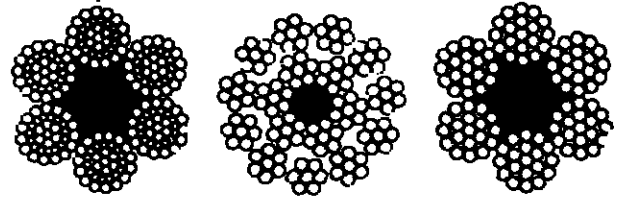
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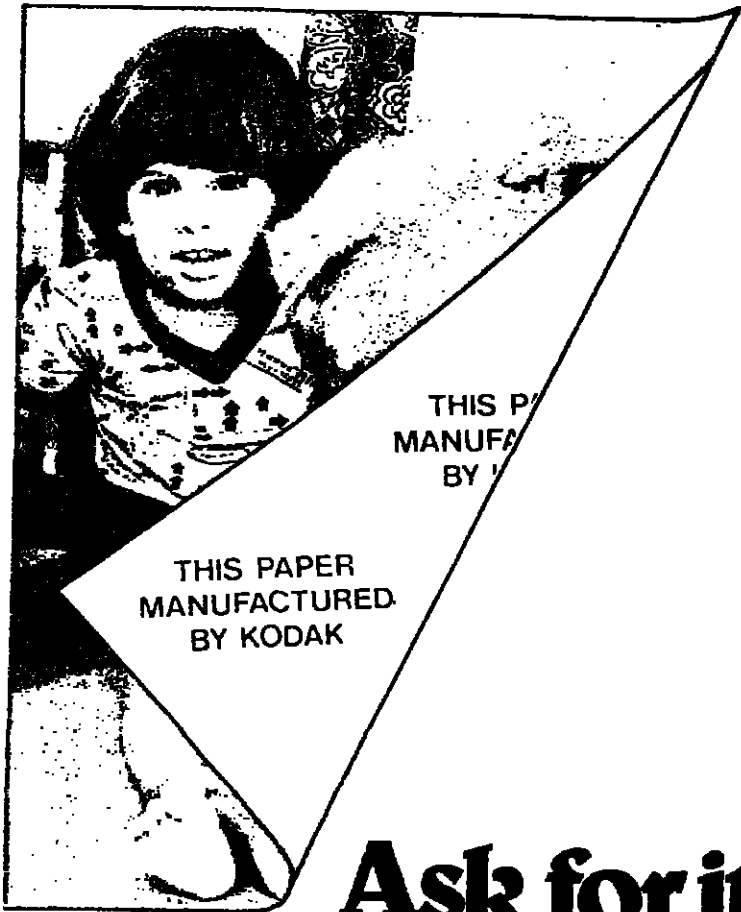
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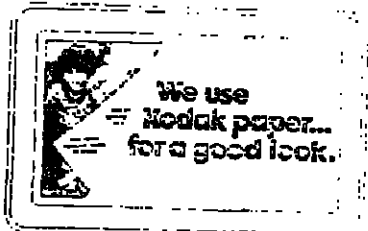
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Unseeded Gehring surprises Borg

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 13 (AP) — Rolf Gehring of West Germany rode a cannonball serve to register a 7-6, 7-5 upset over Bjorn Borg, the world's no. 1 player, in the second round of the Belgian Indoor Tennis Championships Thursday.

The surprising result first took shape in the first-set tiebreaker when the Swedish champion missed several easy shots. In the second set, Gehring continued to serve with power and came to the net to volley crisply. Borg fell behind 3-1 and came back to tie at 3-3 before Gehring broke the Swede's serve again for a 5-3 lead.

Other second-round matches saw Vijay Amritraj of India beat American Ferdi Taygan 6-1, 6-3, American Brian Gottfried defeat Pavel Stotil of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-3, 6-2, and Kim Warwick of Australia beat Thierry Stevaux of Belgium 6-1, 7-6.

Meanwhile, Jaime Fillol of Chile survived a match point in a third set tiebreaker to upset Australian Phil Dent, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Robinson's open.

Fillol will meet no. 4 Tim Gullikson, Florida, who bested Ben McKown, also of Florida, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in an earlier match. Fillol served for the match at 5-3 in the third set but Dent, seeded five, broke service to stay in the match. In the following game, Dent staved off three match points to hold service for a 5-5 tie.

Dent jumped out to a 3-0 lead in tiebreaker and had a match point, 6-5. But Fillol tipped of three straight points and won the match.

In a second round match, Chris Mayotte used a strong serve and volley attack in beating Walter Redondo 6-3, 7-6. In Cairo, Guillermo Vilas (Argentina) beat

Claudio Panatta (Italy) 6-1, 6-2, in the Egyptian open.

Carrado Barazzutti (Italy) beat Marco Aliciati (Italy) 7-6, 6-0 and Ismail-El-Shafai (Egypt) beat Wolfgang Popp (West Germany) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Top-seeded Martina Navratilova took just 41 minutes to defeat Katerina Skronska of Czechoslovakia, 6-2, 6-0, Thursday and advance to the quarterfinals of the Avon Championships of Dallas Women's Professional Tennis Tournament.

Earlier, Pam Shriver ran off 14 straight points to join Navratilova and Billie Jean King in the quarterfinal bracket with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Roberta McCallum.

King, seeded fourth, used a variety of shots to beat unseeded Virginia Wade, 6-4, 6-3.

Aside from bouncing a stray forehand shot off a line in the opening game, Navratilova — also a native of Czechoslovakia — was almost flawless in disposing of Skronska.

Shriver, the no. 3 seed, started her point string midway through the first set and carried it into the opening game of the second. The streak included three love games.

In another action Tuesday, no. 7 seed Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia also advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Beth Norton 6-3, 6-1. Shriver will play sixth-seeded Kathy Jordan in her quarterfinal match and Jausovec will play Bettina Bunge.

Virginia Ruzici will play King in the third quarterfinal and Mary Lou Patek will take on Navratilova.

In doubles play Thursday, Leslie Allen and Ilana Kloss beat Lea Antonoplis and Beth Norton, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 while Joanne Russell and Ruzici defeated Peanut Louie and Stacy Margolin 6-1, 7-5, to complete the opening round.



DEJECTED: Looking dejected and sipping a soft drink, Sweden's Bjorn Borg sits on the sidelines following his defeat at the hands of Rolf Gehring of West Germany.

Easy victories

RIYADH, March 13: But for Aboukhatir and D. Skipper, who had to exert a bit, easy victories were recorded in the Lufthansa, Bvlgari, sponsored tennis tournament at the Riyadh International hotel Thursday.

Results of the second round: N. Trautmann beat W. Nowak 6-1, 6-1; M. Mabrouk beat E. Pernoj 6-0, 6-0; O. Kohlmann beat E. Aftich 6-1, 6-3; Okada beat J. Islip 6-0, 6-0; J. Aboukhatir beat R. Frost 6-4, 6-2; C. Assad beat A. Alpago 6-1, 6-3.

D. Skipper beat L. Fischer 6-2, 6-4; W. Faulkner beat R. Blicker 6-0, 6-0; C. Abert R. Fox 6-1, 6-1.

Mavericks scrape past Warriors

For second straight win

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — Their record is only 12-61, but Dallas coach Dick Motta likes the way the expansion Mavericks are finishing their first National Basketball Association season.

"I'm happy we're on an upbeat," said Motta after the Mavericks trimmed the Golden State Warriors 120-118 Thursday night.

Tom Lagarde converted a missed shot by teammate Jim Spanarkel into a three-point play with three seconds left to give Dallas its second straight victory and nullify a 45-point outburst by the Warriors' Purvis Short.

In other NBA games, the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Denver Nuggets 131-103, the Indiana Pacers edged the Washington Bullets 114-107 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the San Diego Clippers 123-116.

Short hit 18 of 30 field goal attempts, including a pair of three-pointers, and made all seven of his foul shots in the highest scoring game of his career, but fouled out with 7:26 to play.

Golden State outscored Dallas 14-2 in 2:50 to take a 117-113 lead with 1:53 but was unable to hang on.

Bucks 131, Nugget 113: Mickey Johnson scored 12 of his 22 point in a 42-point third quarter as the Bucks dealt Denver its third straight loss. The Nuggets led 59-54 at half-time before being outscored 42-19 in the decisive third period.

Milwaukee outbounded Denver 67-53 and shut down the Nuggets' running game.

"When you play bad defense you get out-run, and we were just awful on defense," said Nuggets coach Doug Moe. "When the other team scores every time down the floor, you can't run because there are no rebounds. We can't outrun anybody if we don't play defense."

Pacers 114, Bullets 107: Washington fell 2 1/2 games behind Chicago in their race for the final Eastern Conference playoff berth as the Pacers pulled away with an 8-2 burst early

in the fourth quarter. George McGinnis, back in the starting lineup because of an injury to Mike Bantom, led Indiana with 24 points.

Lakers 123, Clippers 116: Jamaal Wilkes scored 29 points and Karrem Abdul-Jabbar added 26 for the Lakers, who took control with a 10-2 spurt to start the second half and never let San Diego catch up. Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 26 points, his high since returning to action last month following knee surgery, and added nine rebounds and seven assists for the Lakers.

In Wednesday night action, the Boston Celtics trounced the Milwaukee Bucks 122-

108, the Philadelphia 76ers whipped the New York Knicks 115-95, the Houston Rockets trimmed the Golden State Warriors 109-92, the Seattle SuperSonics downed the Cleveland Cavaliers 101-95 and the New Jersey Nets defeated the Washington Bullets 109-104.

Meanwhile, reigning European champion Real Madrid of Spain was beaten by Bosna Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, 95-97 Thursday in the last semifinal match for the European Basketball Cup of League Champions. Real Madrid led 45-43 at half time.

Kirmani, Yadav rally India

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 13 (AP) — Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar with three spinners in his side may well have the third and final cricket Test against New Zealand in his pocket.

John Bracewell, the only spinner in the New Zealand side, was turning the ball and making it bounce during his 29 overs at Eden Park, Auckland, Friday.

After a shaky start, India were 184 for 8 at stumps on a pitch that looks as if it will increasingly favour spin.

Dilip Doshi and Rabi Shastri, the left-armers, and Shival Yadav, the off-spinner, are expected to be giving the New Zealand batsmen all sorts of problems Saturday.

After being 124 for 8, Syed Kirmani (42 not out) and Yadav (28 not out) were steering India towards what could be a match winning score.

New Zealand really needed to finish India off below 150. Within half an hour Martin Snedden, using a pitch which gave him an interesting amount of seam, had Gavaskar taken off the edge, and Dilip Vengsarkar

caught from a lifter which left him no option but self preservation.

Sandeep Paul went to a fiddling little shot which sent the edge to wicketkeeper Smith and Viswanath went lbw to Hadlee.

Chetan Chauhan and T.E. Srinivasan both went to Bracewell after lunch. Before tea Lance Cairns caught Shastri and bowled Kapil Dev middle stump.

INDIA (last innings)

S. Gavaskar c Smith b Snedden	5
C. Chauhan c Cairns b Bracewell	36
D. Vengsarkar c Howarth b Snedden	0
S. Paul c Smith b Cairns	19
G. Viswanath lbw Hadlee	2
T. Srinivasan c Smith b Bracewell	29
R. Shastri c and b Cairns	15
S. Kirmani batting	42
Kapil Dev b Cairns	4
S. Yadav batting	28
Extras	14
Total (for eight wickets)	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-43, 4-50, 5-97, 6-100, 7-114.

BOWLING: Hadlee 21-7-45-1; Snedden 18-7-39-2; Cairns 24-12-34-3; Cooney 5-0-8-0; Bracewell 29-11-44-2.

France routs North Korea

PEKING, March 13 (AFP) — An inspired French team crushed unfancied North Korea 17-1, the highest match score so far in this 10-day, Eight-Nation Ice Hockey World Championship Pool "C" here Friday.

In an earlier match, Bulgaria defeated Britain 4-2 fifth defeat for Britain who play similarly placed North Korea Saturday. In a match to decide who finishes at the bottom of the table.

Beaten by favorites Austria and "dark horses" Hungary in their last two outings, France started their onslaught at the first whistle at the 18,000-seat capital gymnasium.

From a 4-1 led in the first period, the French skaters extended with a 5-0 in the second and a blank 9-0 in the final period to win their third match in five outings.

Hughes to lead

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 13 (AP) — Kim Hughes has been named captain of the Australian team to tour Sri Lanka and England this year.

Hughes' appointment was announced in Melbourne Friday by the executive director of the Australian Cricket Board, David Richards.

The announcement ended speculation that wicketkeeper Rodney Marsh would be chosen as captain in the absence of Greg Chappell.

Marsh has been named vice-captain. Fred Bennett, who has previously made three English tours with Australian teams, has again been named tour manager.

J.K. to oppose move o blacklist athletes

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — British sports Minister Hector Munro has said the British government would oppose any attempt at the United Nations to gain official backing for a blacklist of athletes who compete in South Africa.

The U.N. Special Committee on apartheid is considering the list this week as compiled by the South African non-racial Olympic Committee, SANROC.

The names of 39 Britons are among 185 sportsmen and women reportedly on the list, including England Rugby Union captain Bill Stanger.

Munro said: "It cuts right across the rights of the individual, which we hold dear in this country. We want to discourage sporting contact with South Africa, but we cannot prevent sportsmen from going there, and nor would we want to. This is a free country."

Jackman included

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 13 (AP) — Robin Jackman, the player at the center of the political storm which almost derailed England's cricket tour of the Caribbean, has won a place in the team for the third Test against the West Indies starting Friday.

Jackman, a 35-year-old fast medium bowler, and Barbados-born Roland Butcher will make their Test debuts as England strive to avenge an innings defeat in the first Test in Trinidad.

Butcher becomes the first black player to play an England Test cap and his selection was deemed even more sweeter because he will be playing on his native Barbados soil.

Hearn to defend title

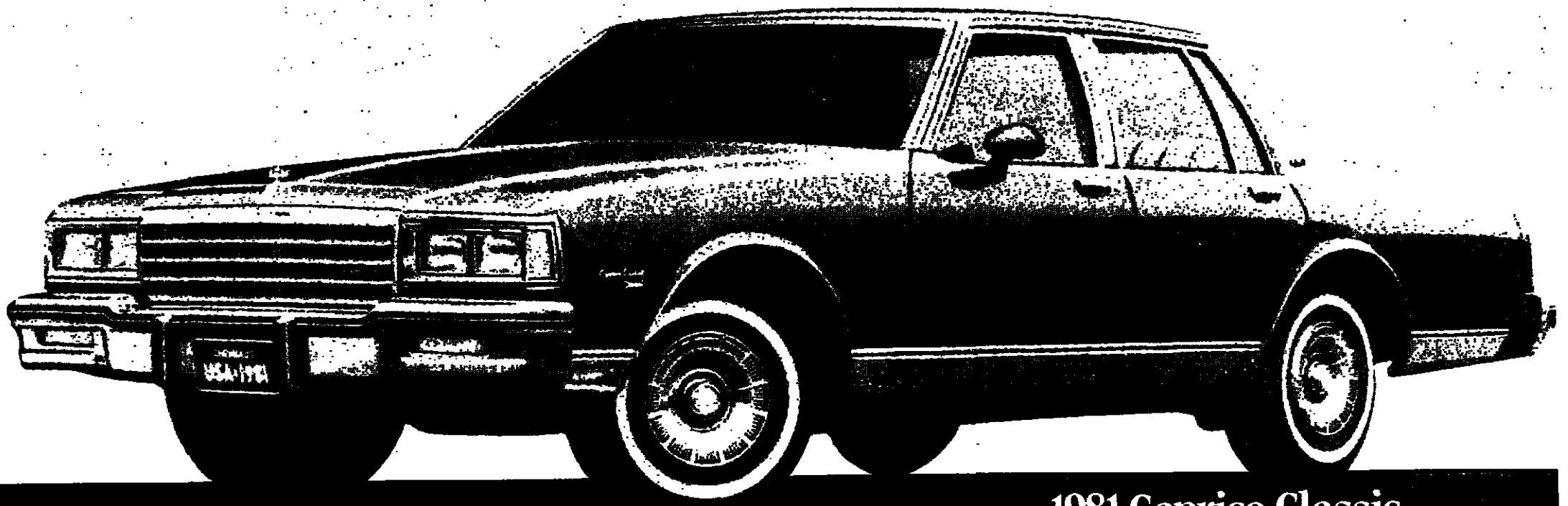
HOENIX, Arizona, March 13 (AP) — Tommy Hearn, the World Boxing Association's welterweight champion, will defend his title April 25 against Randy Shields in the Arizona Memorial Coliseum.

Hearn, with 28 knockouts in his 32-bout undefeated pro career, told a news conference Thursday he doesn't know too much about Shields. "I'm going to fight my own way anyway," he said.

Hearn said he really wants Sugar Ray Leonard, who holds the World Boxing Council version of the title.

"I know I could beat him," he added. "But he keeps ducking me. He just doesn't want to fight me."

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11 Arab states plan to tap solar energy

KUWAIT, March 13 (AP) — Experts from 11 Arab countries wound up a five-day seminar here on ways of harnessing solar energy as an alternative to oil.

The experts Thursday drew up a set of recommendations on the feasible applications of solar energy in the countries of the Arab region. They blueprinted a program for exchanging expertise toward utilizing solar energy as a substitute for other energy sources, including crude oil.

The seminar was organized by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, in cooperation with the Royal Scientific Society of Jordan and the Federation of Arab Research Councils. It was attended by delegates from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Qatar, Morocco, Lebanon, Bahrain, The

United Arab Emirates and Oman.

The Arab oil have-not countries were eager to develop scientific means of solar energy utilization with a view to minimizing their dependence on crude oil, for which they pay large portions of their budgets. The oil producing countries also were seeking ways of reducing reliance on crude oil, which they want to keep in the ground longer time and avoid its early depletion.

Addressing the closing session of the seminar, the director general of the Kuwait Institute, Adnan Shihab-Eddin, called on the participating countries to "explore problems of energy in your countries in an order of priorities." He urged closer cooperation in solar energy utilization.

The Saudi Arabian chief delegate said his country was "operating the world's largest facility for the utilization of solar energy in heating water." In Jordan, where 12 per cent of the national income is spent on imported energy, the need for solar energy is "pressing," the Jordanian delegate said.

U.S. bank again cuts prime rate

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP) — Chemical Bank, the United States' sixth-largest commercial bank, cut its prime lending rate Thursday by one-half percentage point to 17.5 per cent the lowest among major U.S. banks. The new rate takes effect Friday, the bank said.

Chemical and most other banks had cut their prime rates Tuesday to 18 per cent, citing a slowdown in demand for business loans and a decline in their cost of funds. None of its competitors immediately followed Chemical's move to 17.5 per cent.

The prime rate is the interest rate that banks charge on short-term loans to their best-risk corporate customers. Most other businesses usually are charged one or two percentage points about the prime for their loans.

Consumer prices rise by 1% in OECD states

PARIS, March 13 (R) — Consumer prices in the 24-member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) rose one per cent in January compared with 0.7 per cent in the previous month, the OECD said.

However, the increase over the previous 12 months declined to 11.5 per cent from 12.1 per cent in December, it said Thursday in a statement. The OECD, which groups the major industrialized non-communist countries, said the faster monthly inflation in January reflected higher energy prices, seasonal influences on food prices and rises in the cost of public services and utilities.

Reagan firm on helping poor nations

WASHINGTON, March 13 (R) — The Reagan administration said it remains committed to the principle of lending money to poorer countries despite its plans to reduce U.S. support for international lending.

Deputy Treasury Secretary R.T. McNamar urged Congress Thursday to pass legislation authorizing continued U.S. financing of multinational development banks (MDBS), such as the World Bank and the International Development Association (IDA).

He told a House of Representatives Committee the U.S. would carry out all previously negotiated lending agreements and said it was not abandoning its traditional financial support of MDBS. But McNamar said such support must be cut substantially as part of President Reagan's drive for budget austerity.

He said the president wanted Congress to approve funding periods for U.S. contributions to the World Bank and initial cuts in those to the IDA below the levels previously requested by Carter.

"These funding adjustments will undoubtedly cause some programming problems for the MDBS and impact adversely on some borrowers," McNamar said. He said the administration did not wish to support a new World Bank affiliate, endorsed in principle by Carter, designed to stimulate new energy production in the developing countries.

Congressmen told McNamar that if the administration's proposed cuts were misinterpreted as lack of support for get the unpopular funding approved by the House and Senate, McNamar said the administration would lobby heavily to win approval of the funding and the designated cuts.

He said U.S. support of the IDA was especially important because many of the countries it aids are extremely poor and subject to Soviet influence.

Thatcher faces revolt from party member

LONDON, March 13 (R) — Discontent mounted within Britain's ruling Conservative Party over harsh tax increases imposed in Tuesday's budget.

Opposition focused on a 15 per cent rise in the cost of petrol to at least £1.55 (\$3.44) a gallon in the countryside. Eight Scottish Conservative members of parliament, who represent mainly rural areas near the North Sea oilfields, Thursday warned chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe that they could not be counted on to vote for the measure.

And informed sources said that several members of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's cabinet were uneasy about the higher taxes. The party had won election in 1979 partly on pledges to reduce taxation to increase work incentives. They were also said to be concerned that the budget did little to help recession-hit industry and the country's 2.5 million unemployed, almost 10 per cent of the work force.

Mrs. Thatcher says she is determined not to allow criticism to force a change in any of the budget proposals. She denounced her critics

Tax increases

Wednesday in a speech which commentators took to be aimed at some cabinet colleagues.

The budget, which covers every aspect of revenue-raising for the year, is planned by the chancellor and the prime minister. Traditionally, cabinet members do not learn its contents until a few hours before parliament is told. Since Tuesday two of them have said privately they are dissatisfied with the old arrangement.

They said the system had enabled Mrs. Thatcher and one or two close colleagues to impose economic policy on the cabinet. There was growing speculation that Employment Secretary James Prior, who has made clear several times that he has reservations about Mrs. Thatcher's stringent monetarist policies, might resign.

To quell the rumors, he took the unusual step of saying publicly he would "stay and fight my corner for the government and in the government."

Meanwhile, critics ranging from industrialists to trade union leaders charged that Mrs.

Thatcher's hope is forlorn, and the prospect of her own electoral defeat and the destruction of the nation's economic base.

Both opposition Labor Party leader Michael Foot and Len Murray, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, lab the measures a budget. Said Roger Bratton, of the U.S.-owned Bankers Trust Company: "Many businessmen in this country will be wondering whether a Phoenix just a shriveled corpse will emerge from the ashes of the budget."

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Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	144.00	144
Egyptian Pound	—	4.13	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91
French Franc (100)	69.00	68.00	67
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.00	66
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.55	—
Jordanian Dinar	—	33.50	33
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20	—	16
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.46	11
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.25	84
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	5
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	3
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	4
Pound Sterling	7.38	7.47	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	3
Swiss Franc (100)	172.00	175.00	172
Syrian Lira (100)	—	56.80	56
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U.S. protectionism alarms Japan

TOKYO, March 13 (Agencies) — Japan has told the United States that it is deeply concerned about mounting protectionist moves at state government levels, according to the foreign ministry.

A growing number of U.S. states has enacted "buy American" and "buy state" legislation requiring these state governments to purchase products made in the United States and in the states concerned, ministry officials said. They said 16 American states passed "buy American" and 24 others "buy state" acts by the end of 1980.

Earlier this year, the state governments of Washington and Nebraska presented "buy American" bills for approval, they said. These moves are contrary to the principle of free trade, they said.

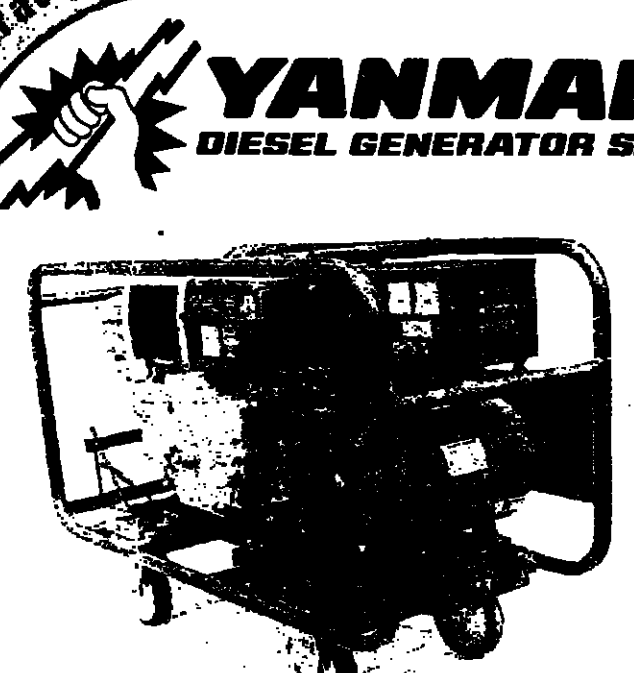
Some states have focused on surging imports of Japanese cars. For example, the

state of New Jersey has passed a bill to call for the state government to purchase U.S.-built cars. Japan will ask the United States to comply with the spirit of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the foreign ministry said.

Meanwhile, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association (JAMA) has decided to put off a scheduled meeting with the Committee of (European) Common Market Automobile Manufacturers (CCMC) until around May or later, the association said.

The decision, reached at a meeting of JAMA directors, will be shortly notified to CCMC, it said. The JAMA-CCMC talks were originally scheduled for March 22-23, but the association said it hopes to postpone it in view of the protracted Japan-U.S. dispute over Japanese auto exports which the association wishes to smooth out first.

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IMF running out of money

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund, a key link in the Western-oriented economic system since World War II, is running out of money.

Although insolvency for the 141-nation institution is not a threat, the money shortage is forcing the IMF to the wall in an attempt to find new funds to help its member countries.

The IMF's managing director, Jacques de Larosiere, has been trying for nearly a year to negotiate a multi-billion-dollar loan from Saudi Arabia, one of the few IMF members with surplus cash to spare. So far, his efforts have been unsuccessful.

While negotiations are continuing, and there is some optimism a deal may be near, IMF sources say there isn't much time.

"A decision has to be made soon," an IMF source said. "Either we will cut a deal to get the cash, or we will have to take some other action." The IMF's other options are unattractive. One would be to borrow on world financial markets, which would be a controversial move. Another would be to try to raise the money from all members, including the United States.

The IMF lends money to help nations with their economic problems. In return, it insists on economic reforms to correct the policies

that led to the problems in the first place. Because of that leverage, the IMF has become a strong force in maintaining a world economic system supportive of Western interests. The United States, the major donor country, is the only member with veto power over major IMF decisions.

The negotiations with Saudi Arabia became deadlocked last year because of Saudi Arabian insistence that the Palestine Liberation Organization be admitted as an observer at IMF meetings. The United States led the drive to keep the PLO out. Recently, while the PLO issue remains unresolved, the negotiations also have bogged down on the amount of an increase in voting strength Saudi Arabia wants in return for its help.

The increased vote would give Saudi Arabia greater leverage to work from within the IMF to gain observer status for the PLO.

The IMF's minimum need is put at about \$7 billion a year, and the IMF hopes to get as much as \$4.9 billion from Saudi Arabia for two and possible three years. That would be supplemented by \$1.2 billion a year from other oil exporters, such as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, and \$1.2 billion from industrial nations.

Such a fund would total \$14.6 billion for two years and \$21.9 billion for three. One major IMF program, known as the supplementary financing facility, has only about \$1 billion left in uncommitted funds, while demands for IMF loans have mounted sharply because of deteriorating economic conditions in much of the world.

The IMF made record loans of \$13.7 billion during the 12-month period ending in February. China, a new member, received its first loan ever from the IMF in February, a total of \$549 million. Other big loans in recent months have included Yugoslavia, \$2.1 billion, South Korea \$700 million, Ivory Coast \$591 million, Morocco \$900 million, Pakistan \$1.6 billion, Sudan \$520 million and Bangladesh \$967 million. Jamaica is currently negotiating for a \$600 million loan.

Even though most of the IMF loans go to countries in which the United States has a major foreign policy interest — such as Turkey, South Korea and Pakistan — congress has grown increasingly reluctant to contribute funds to the IMF.

The IMF was created after World War II, largely at the urging of the U.S. supervise operations of the post-war monetary system.

Giscard rejects tough policy on economic front

PARIS, March 13 (AP) — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing believes that harsh economic policies such as those pursued by U.S. President Ronald Reagan or Britain's Mrs. Margaret Thatcher would cause social upheaval in France.

He said he was convinced that if interest rates were pushed up to and above 20 per cent with a pure monetarist policy "there would be a revolt within a few months." He made the comments in a television interview Tuesday night, in what was clearly a reference to the advocacy by Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac of such tough policies.

Giscard d'Estaing was opening his campaign for re-election in the April-May ballot in which Chirac is running against him. The president first castigated socialist policies of "hiring civil servants, and nationalizing industrial sectors" using as an example the fact the British Labor government was applying such measures.

"You've seen the state of British industry," he said. "More than 2.5 million unemployed despite their considerable oil resources, and whole slabs of British industry have disappeared. They may have nationalized the auto industry, but now the Japanese are buying it," he added in a reference to British Leyland.

U.K. staff threatens to extend shipping blockade to Europe

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — Striking civil servants disrupted government operations for a third day, sabotaging the implementation of Britain's new tax measures and blocking shipping between Ireland and the British mainland.

Union leaders Thursday threatened to step up their disruption campaign and carry the shipping blockade to trade with European countries.

"People should not think this is the end of the matter this week, a union spokesman said of the strike at various ports between Ireland and Britain. "We're not ruling out hitting other Common Market countries."

Meanwhile, leaders of nine unions warned Thursday a series of strike by civil servants could cost the Conservative government \$110 million a day in uncollected taxes. They said the walkouts already have delayed collection of a tax increase on gasoline and diesel fuel that was to have come into force Tuesday after Mrs. Thatcher's austerity budget was read in the House of Commons.

The situation remained chaotic for gas buyers because in some areas the increase did not come into force because striking local civil servants failed to issue necessary notification to garages.

But in other areas it did, for one of two reasons. Either non-striking civil servants issued notification or unscrupulous garage owners hiked prices anyway and pocketed the difference. Tax increases on tobacco and liquor are scheduled to come into force when shops and taverns open Friday morning and the same confusion is expected.

The strikes began Monday with a nationwide one-day stoppage by 75 per cent of the country's 530,000 civil servants. Now it has developed into a series of hit-and-run strikes around the country with the government not knowing where it will be hit next.

Some civil servants have walked out indefinitely. Some work for only few hours one day and go back the next.

William Kendall, general secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said the budget measures "only increase the militancy and determination among civil servants." The civil servants demand a 15 per cent pay raise. The government has offered seven per cent.

Mrs. Thatcher's tax hikes on fuel, liquor and tobacco aim to raise \$4.84 billion over the next 12 months under one of the harshest budget since the austerity days immediately after the end of World War II in 1945.

Escrow account of U.S.-Iran open, bank says

LONDON, March 13 (R) — The special escrow account set up at the bank of England to receive Iranian funds that were trapped by the U.S. freeze on Iranian assets in 1979 remains open, the bank has indicated.

A report in the *Washington Post* quoting American government sources said the Bank of England was refusing to handle the account because of concern over political problems that could develop over its operation.

The escrow account is essentially a third-party account held at the Bank of England and was set up as part of the January agreement between the U.S. and Iran that led to the release of the American hostages.

Half of the funds that are due to be transferred into it from domestic branches of U.S. banks will be channelled directly back to Iran.

The Bank of England would not comment directly on the press report, but issued a statement in response that banking sources are interpreted as meaning the account remains open.

The Bank of England's statement read: the third escrow account was originally opened for a limited period. It has already been extended on and the question of further extension has not yet been raised." The account was originally to be held open for 30 days from the date of the January agreement, but was extended on the Feb. 19 deadline because the mechanics of transferring the Iranian funds were taking longer than had been anticipated.

In an interview with Reuters in February, the Iranian Central Bank governor, Ali Reza Ebari, said that if the Bank of England refused to keep the account open longer, he would like it transferred to the Basle-based bank for International Settlements, which hosts regular meetings of central bankers, or the Austrian Central Bank.

Sri Lanka to take part in Sharjah trade fair

SHARJAH, March 13 — Sri Lanka will feature prominently at Sharjah Expo Center's November trade fair, the fifth annual international Expo '81, according to an expo press statement Friday.

The 30-member trade and investment delegation from Sri Lanka who recently visited the Gulf have indicated a big trade presentation at Expo '81. Communications in Sri Lanka show that between 50 and 75 trading business houses and quasi-government industrial ventures will participate.

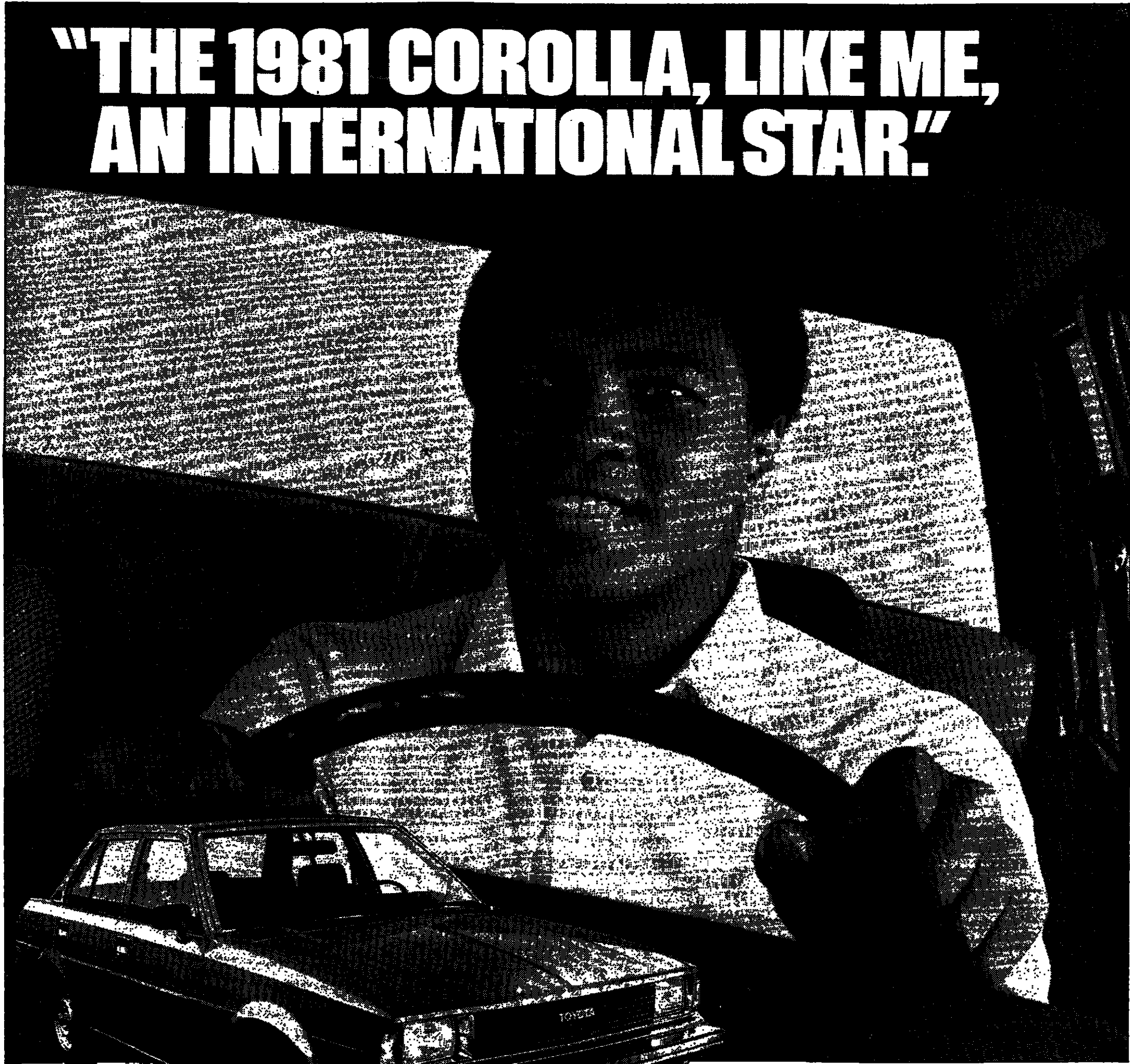
The participants hope to arrive in the UAE for a special "Sri Lanka Week" celebration which is being organized in the second week of November. It was learned that "Sri Lanka Week" is being directed in coordination with the Sri Lanka Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Charge d'Affaires Edmund Jayasinghe said he would give this special event his every support.

The visiting trade representatives intend to arrive into Expo Center for Expo '81 immediately after the week's celebrations. A member of that mission, Jayasinghe, made an immediate Expo '81 reservation when the team visited the Expo Center in February this year. Jayasinghe will be exhibiting gems, jewelry and packaged teas.

Kuwait heads bond issue for Japanese company

KUWAIT, March 13 (AP) — The Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) has agreed to lead a \$25 million bond issue in favor of the Japanese company Nomura Europa, the Kuwait company announced.

KIC said the Thursday payable convertible issue was due in 1991. According to the agreement, all payments for the bonds will be made in U.S. dollars, whereas amounts will be calculated at the rate of 206.35 yen to a dollar before being reconverted into dollars, the company said.



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U.S. plans six bases in M.E., India Ocean

By Fowzi Asmar and Susan Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 13 — The United States is proceeding full speed ahead with plans to expand or construct six military bases across the Middle East and the Indian Ocean. The five-year plan which is part of the comprehensive strategy for the United States navy and Rapid Deployment Force in the region is expected to be a major topic of conversation when Secretary of State Alexander Haig visits the Middle East early next month. Under agreements — either signed or now in negotiating state — American forces would have periodic access to the string of bases in Egypt, Oman, Somalia and Kenya but will not be able to station forces there permanently.

The Reagan administration has allotted \$106.4 million during 1982 to build oil storage tanks, expand runways and parking aprons and build a primitive staging area for ground troops of the American Rapid Deployment Force at Pars Basas. Establishing a link between the Palestinian issue and U.S. plans to bolster Gulf security, a Saudi Arabian official emphasized that U.S. — Arab cooperation on meeting a possible Soviet threat can only go so far without a comprehensive Middle East peace which recognizes Palestinian rights. In Oman, the United States plans to spend \$75 million reconstructing an old British base on Masirah island and making improvements to the airfield at Seeb, near the entrance to the Strait of Hormuz.

Arabs urged to show more muscle

UNITED NATIONS, March 13 (R) — Abdullah Bishara, Kuwait's outgoing chief delegate to the United Nations, has urged Arab delegations to show more muscle. "I do not believe in the kid glove, I believe in confrontation," he said at a lunch given in his honor by Clovis Maksoud, representative of the League of Arab States.

Bishara, who is returning to a senior post in Kuwait said the Arabs had gained a reputation at the United Nations as "softies" because of their hospitality and generosity. Bishara said the Arabs could use their economic power in the proposed negotiations in the interests of "political justice in our area."

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli officials expressed irritation Friday after British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Thursday refused to rule out a possible meeting between British representatives and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat.

PARIS, (R) — Chad's former Defense Minister Hissene Habre said in a newspaper interview published in Paris Thursday that he would wage a "war of liberation" to rid his Central African country of Libyan presence.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Iran's former deputy prime minister and government spokesman Abbas Entezari will go on trial next week for plotting against the revolution in collusion with the United States and the Central Intelligence Agency, Pars news Agency reported Wednesday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordecai Tzipori will shortly visit Washington for "strategic talks," a source close to his ministry said Thursday.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Police arrested three Armenians who shot and killed two policemen Thursday during a car-chase near the Turkish and Soviet embassies here, police said. One of the Armenians was wounded.

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — Jordan has accused Israel of brutal persecution of Islamic religious leaders in the occupied territories and called for an investigation.

KARACHI, (AP) — The arrests of Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto, widow of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and her daughter Miss Benazir Bhutto, were challenged before the Sind High Court in Karachi Thursday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — A Palestinian youth, aged 14, was killed Thursday and his 13-year-old brother seriously injured when a bomb exploded in the center of Nablus on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, military sources said.

TEL AVIV, March 12 (R) — Israel has officially announced that the Palestinian autonomy negotiations would be renewed only after the Israeli elections scheduled for June 30. Israel radio said.

Conscription move fails in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI, March 13 (AP) — A move to replenish the defection-riddled Afghan army through forced conscription has been unsuccessful, with only about 2,000 young men inducted into the military over the last several months, a report reaching here from Kabul said Thursday. In an effort to backstop the weakened and generally unreliable Afghan army, about 10,000 below draft age youngsters have been taken from schools throughout Afghanistan and sent to the Soviet Union for brief military training, said the source, who has been accurate in the past. The report could not be independently confirmed.

The Soviet-backed regime of Afghan President Babrak Karmal also has had to accept the services of a large number of Soviets from the neighboring Uzbek and Tajik Soviet republics to keep its troubled police force running, said the source, who asked not to be identified.

Elite army unit to protect Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, March 13 (AFP) — President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr is to be given protection by an elite army unit now being recruited, state radio reported. It quoted a military communique Thursday as saying the move was decided because of the tasks and duties exercised by Bani-Sadr, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The announcement followed hard behind a warning by Bani-Sadr Wednesday that he would resign rather than be defeated by what he described as an organized conspiracy against him within Iran.

OIC peace bid will go on, says Chatti

BEIRUT, March 13 (AP) — An Islamic goodwill commission failed to get Iran and Iraq to declare a mid-night ceasefire Thursday but the two countries kept the door open for further peace-making efforts, a commission spokesman declared.

Habib Chatti, secretary-general of the 42-nation Organization of Islamic Conference, said in a statement both Iran and Iraq have given a "conditional response" to the OIC peace plan proposed during a Tehran-Baghdad shuttle last week.

"This made a proclamation of a ceasefire at Thursday midnight impossible," Chatti said in the statement issued at his OIC headquarters in Jeddah. "The commission is not dismayed. It will continue efforts to bring about peace between Iran and Iraq."

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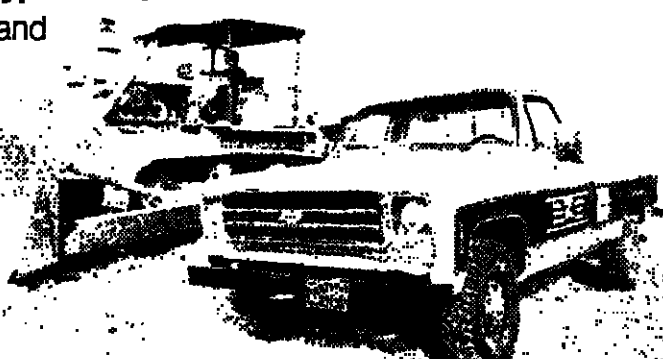
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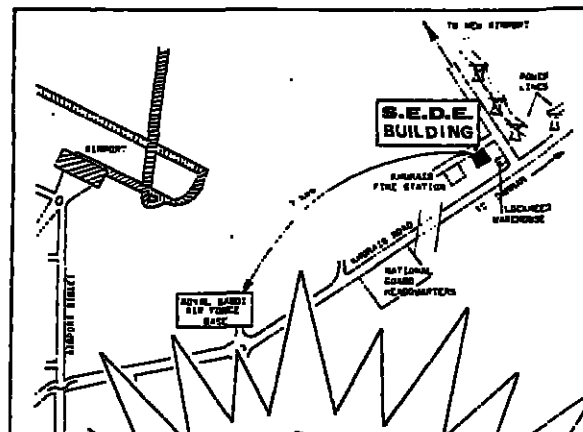
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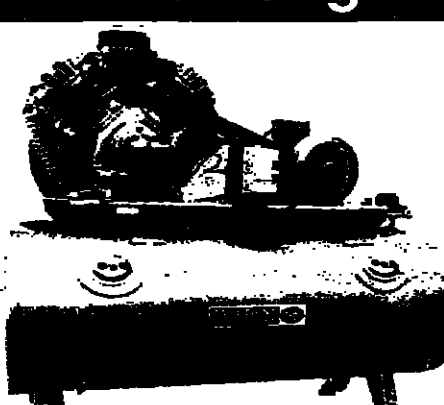
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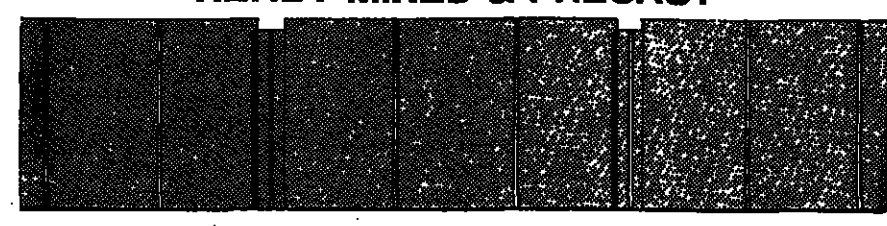
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What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Troublesome undercurrents affect close relations. A family member may get on your nerves, but the evening will bring serenity and romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Misunderstandings are possible regarding career interests. Unexpected changes upset your schedule, but your social life blossoms later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Don't go overboard in trying to impress others. All you have to do is be yourself. The evening brings good career developments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

A family member could be manipulative. Watch diet and health upsets. Travel, romance and distant interests are favored.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You may be somewhat nervous about a romantic situation, but doubts should ease toward evening. Enjoy quiet times together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Avoid confrontations about money. Interruptions in-

terfere with daytime working, but later the way is for happy times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A career opportunity arise when you least expect. Good will makes others to help you. Evening brings fortunate developments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Avoid a contest of wills with a loved one. A distant co turns out better than anticipated. Enjoy your evening fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A friend is set in his Watch credit card spend. Avoid disputes about money. Invite company over evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You'll iron out difficulties that arise now with a one. Words of love bring soothing effect. Forgive past slights.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Watch out for operators. Restlessness paces work efforts, but long hours may bring work or money developments.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

The evening is your time for happy moments with a loved one. Don't business and pleasure brings you dividends.

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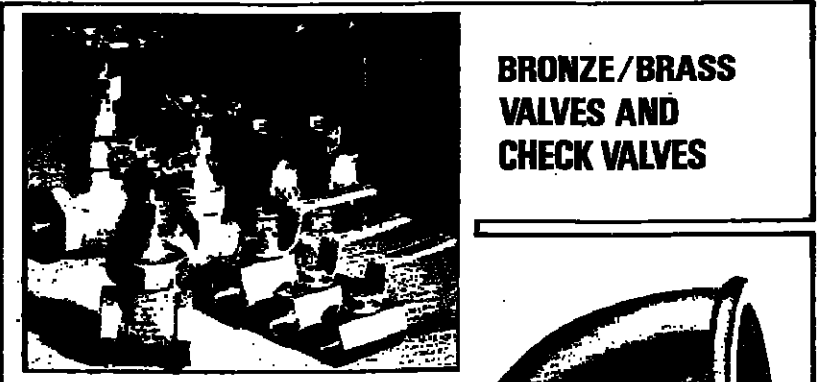
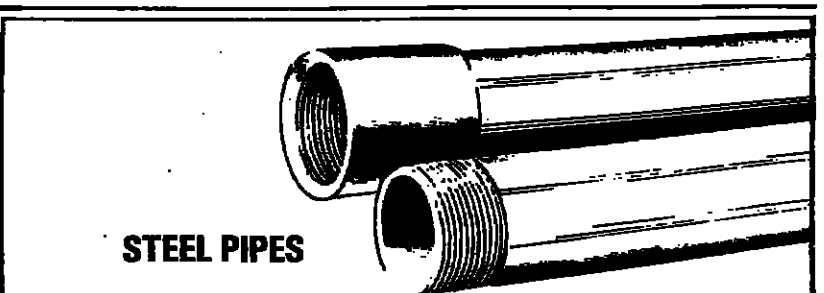
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Polish truce develops strains

Strike threat as dissident detained

WARSAW, March 13 (Agencies) — The month-old truce between the Polish government and the Solidarity trade union movement is under fresh strain after union leaders in the central Poland city of Radom threatened strikes and the authorities detained another dissident.

Adam Michnik, a co-leader of the self-defense committee (KOR), was held by police for three hours in Warsaw Thursday and told that he faced immediate arrest if he left the capital. He was the second leader of KOR, which is closely allied to Solidarity, to be detained. The crackdown has provoked at

least three union branches to threaten retaliatory strike action.

The Solidarity branches said they would strike if KOR members were arrested and formally charged. The union's national leadership, meanwhile, protested against a television program Wednesday night which depicted four members of an outlawed nationalist group as guilty of plotting to overthrow the country's Communist rulers.

Solidarity said in a statement from Gdansk that the television program went against the spirit of political renewal in Poland and defied the basic principle of giving the views of both prosecution and defense.

Solidarity demanded the right to attend the trial of the four members of the Confederation of Independent Poland, a small anti-Soviet group. The union's executive, meeting to review Tuesday's meeting between Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, condemned a grow-

ing number of incidents in which it said its members and sympathizers were being harassed and beaten. The union said that in the latest case an 86-year-old former Socialist Party leader had his pelvis broken when he was attacked at home in Warsaw.

The union's executive coordinating commission also discussed the situation in Radom, where workers have threatened a two-hour strike next Wednesday a general regional strike on March 23 unless the authorities begin negotiations on their demands. The commission said that it would try to defuse tension in Radom where there was a workers' revolt in 1976.

Hardline politburo member Stefan Olszowski warned that anti-Communists were trying to subvert the ruling party. Olszowski also lashed out Thursday at "stinging and aggressive opponents of socialism."

The Polish United Workers Party, as the country's Communist Party is officially styled, will hold its ninth plenum next month. The announcement was made by party first secretary Stanislaw Kania at a plenary meeting Thursday of the committee that is preparing the party's ninth extraordinary congress. He said the plenum would decide the date of the Congress, among other business.

Meanwhile, it was indicated in Washington that the United States has reinforced surveillance along Poland's borders on the eve of Warsaw Pact military maneuvers. A State Department spokesman, who conceded that there was "nothing unusual" in such Eastern bloc maneuvers, which took place periodically, said that if the U.S. felt "concerned" nevertheless, it was because of continuing strains in the situation in Poland.

At the height of the Polish crisis last December, the U.S. reinforced the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's early warning system by flying in four of its radar-equipped special AWACS surveillance planes.

Base for U.S. bombers

Australian accord opposed

CANBERRA, March 13 (AFP) — Agreement between Australia and the United States on staging B-52 bombers through Darwin, Australia, has run into trouble in both the House of Representatives and Senate.

The decision to allow the staging flights, announced Wednesday by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, has been challenged by the Labor opposition in the House of Representatives and by Labor and Australian Democrats in the Senate.

Speakers from non-government parties have argued that the exchange of documents produced in parliament and a report of Foreign Minister Tony Street's recent visit to Washington are vague and insufficient.

In the Senate, Australian Democrats objected to the debate on B-52's being adjourned, claiming that the two major par-



SORROWING FATHER: A man in Cleveland grieves over the loss of three of his children after coming home to find they had died in a house fire Thursday morning. Heavy winds carried the flames to another house across the street.

Soviets hurl spacecraft with 2 men into orbit

MOSCOW, March 13 (R) — The Soviet Union has launched its 50th cosmonaut into space aboard a spacecraft heading for the orbiting Salyut-6 station.

Former railway engineer Viktor Savinykh and his flight commander Col. Vladimir Kovalyonok, a veteran of two previous space flights, were blasted into orbit Thursday night aboard the Soyuz-T4 spacecraft.

Their task is to dock with the orbital space station where they will probably stay for several months in the latest of several marathon Soviet missions. Seven cosmonauts from other Soviet bloc states have also made trips into space aboard Soyuz craft. Since the Salyut-6 was launched in September 1977, the two-man crews have stayed on board longer each time. Last year one crew was aboard for 185 days.

Soviet scientists, hoping to create a permanently manned station with relays of crews, have been carrying out intensive research on the physical and psychological problems of extended space flight and prolonged weightlessness.

Kovalyonok, whose mission to Salyut-6 in 1978 lasted 139 days, will be returning to a station extensively repaired and improved since its launch.

Gold prices rise

LONDON, March 13 (AP) — The dollar was mixed in quiet foreign exchange trading Friday, shuffling off the latest fall in U.S. interest rates. Gold prices rose.

One Zurich dealer said money trading was "absolutely dead" in spite of Thursday's latest decline in U.S. interest rates. Chemical Bank, the sixth-largest U.S. commercial bank, cut its prime lending rate by half a percentage point to 17.5 per cent, lowest of the major banks.

The British pound was worth \$2.2230 (\$ 2.2188). Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 207.65 yen, up from 207.15 Thursday but down from 09.25 a week ago. In later European trading the dollar was quoted at 207.88 yen.

Gold traded for a median \$489.50 a troy ounce in London just ahead of the morning fixing by the city's five bullion houses, up from \$477.75 at the close Thursday. Dealers said bullion helped by the downturn in interest rates. In Zurich, gold was quoted at \$488.50, up from \$477.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold rose \$10.68 to close at \$491.39. In New York Thursday gold finished at \$483. Silver was quoted in London at \$12.15 an ounce.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

I saw a documentary film once about an African tribe whose answer to a drought is to tie up a dog atop a high and leave it there until it dies of thirst or the weather breaks.

The mixture of cruelty and ignorance is quite unspeakable, yet one understands it — the tribe knew no "civilized" world when such behavior as the tiger dwindle to extinction — because some foolish people think it skin looks better on them than on their animal itself!

A philosopher — I think it was Ben Russell — once said that animals kill for self-preservation. It's the human so often kill for killing's sake. And can be no more distressing confirm for this than the news item I read the day, which came all the way from a called Harked Tree in Arkansas in United States.

The police of that town stated that raided a dog-fighting match, arresting of people and confiscating more than a million dollars and 50 weapons, money was, of course, all in bets of unfortunate animals. The police said this was part of their effort to stamp this cruel and stupid sport, which is a truly quite well-known in those parts.

The details the police gave are revolting. Two dogs are placed in a made to fight to the death. If one is severely wounded the audience bay more violently for blood, and force keep on until it dies. For you can't bet without a death, and the more the better.

A dog's life indeed!

Translated from Ashraq Al Aws

French maneuvers

TOUBA, Ivory Coast, March 13 (AP) — French and Ivorian troops have completed six days of joint maneuvers and intended to test the capability of French intervention force in Africa.

The maneuvers, in the south west of the country, were specifically designed to monitor the two countries response to an invasion of the Ivory Coast from the west.

A total of 1,500 French troops and Ivorian troops took part, together with French navy troops and armored-landing craft brought specially from France.

Observers from Togo, Senegal, Upper Volta, the Central African Republic and Gabon were present during the maneuvers, which ended Thursday and subsequent discussions. The last joint maneuvers between France and the Ivory Coast took place in March 1978 in the Korbogo region last major Franco-African maneuver place in Senegal last year.

Green Berets being sent

U.S. plans Salvador aid

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP) — The Reagan administration is working on a package of some \$140 million economic aid for El Salvador, including \$63.5 million from the United States, congressional sources said Thursday. Meanwhile, the Pentagon said Green Beret advisers are being sent to El Salvador.

At the same time, the administration, faced with widespread public skepticism over its Salvadoran policies, has begun to back away

from its effort to make that country the initial testing ground in its campaign against Soviet expansionism.

The congressional sources, who declined to be named, said the State Department had not yet made a final decision on the aid package but one might be announced Friday. The \$63.5 million would be reprogrammed from other U.S. aid funds and the balance of the \$140 million would be supplied by international aid banks, primarily the International Monetary Fund, the sources said.

Pentagon officials said that some 15 U.S. army special forces troopers have been ordered to El Salvador to help train units of the Salvadoran army in techniques for battling guerrillas. Three teams of five men each will be sent from the Panama Canal zone for the training, the Pentagon said. One member from each team is already in El Salvador and the other dozen are expected to be there by the end of the month.

The Green Berets, as the special forces are known, will not go into combat with the Salvadorans but will do their training at three centers, the Pentagon said. There are now 42 American military personnel in El Salvador. The additional Green Berets would bring the total to 54.

Meanwhile, several members of the House of Representatives Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee are considering leaving Friday for a fact-finding trip to El Salvador, but one of them, who did not want to be identified, say they may decide to go.

"I'm trying to make up my mind whether it's smart or not," said the congressman. "We're getting conflicting views on whether it's safe to go."

Britain cancels free health care for foreigners

LONDON, March 13 (AFP) — Most foreign visitors will have to pay for hospital care in Britain from Oct. 1, for the first time since a national health service — still largely free — was introduced here in 1948.

The change in policy, announced by Social Services Secretary Patrick Jenkin during a budget debate in the Commons Thursday, is intended to halt what the government sees as "abuses" of the state system by foreigners.

Exceptions will be made only for people from Britain's partners in the west European Economic Community (EEC), with which there are reciprocal agreements, and in emergency cases.

According to Jenkin, no other country offered foreigners the kind of free treatment available here since the end of World War II, and many foreigners had traveled to use services here after being taken ill at home.

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Knife slips down into chest cavity

SEATTLE, Washington, March 13 (AP) — A man who attempted to use a table knife to dislodge a pill stuck in his throat somehow got the knife lodged in his chest cavity where it took a surgeon 5 1/2 hours to recover it, doctors have said.

Dr. James M. Hanson said Wednesday he was called to Swedish Hospital on March 1 when the emergency room crew saw the knife on a chest X-ray. The 38-year-old Seattle resident, whom the hospital would not identify, had taken an aspirin-like painkiller. But the pill stuck in the back of his throat and was burning.

The man tried to rinse the pill down and to dislodge it with his finger before trying the knife. Hanson said the man persisted in working the knife deeper in his throat because the burning sensation made it seem the pill was still there. When he finally went to the hospital, he neglected to mention the missing knife.

Hanson first tried to reach the knife with an alligator clamp on the end of a tube down the food pipe. "We then assumed that the knife had passed on down into the stomach," the surgeon said. A small incision was made in the abdomen and Hanson reached in and felt around. Still no knife.

Another X-ray showed the knife, with the handle end down, in the right side of the chest cavity. "When we opened the chest, it was just sitting there free in the cavity," he said.

The knife apparently went down the back of the man's throat between or alongside the windpipe and esophagus and into the chest cavity.

Greek tremors leave 100,000 homeless

ATHENS, March 13 (R) — More than 100,000 people have been made homeless as a result of a series of earth tremors that have hit Greece since Feb. 24, the Ministry of Social Services said Friday.

About 8,500 houses were made uninhabitable and more than 10,000 were slightly damaged in tremors that shook Athens and the area of the Gulf of Corinth late in February and earlier this month. Athens observatory said Friday 18 tremors were registered overnight.

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